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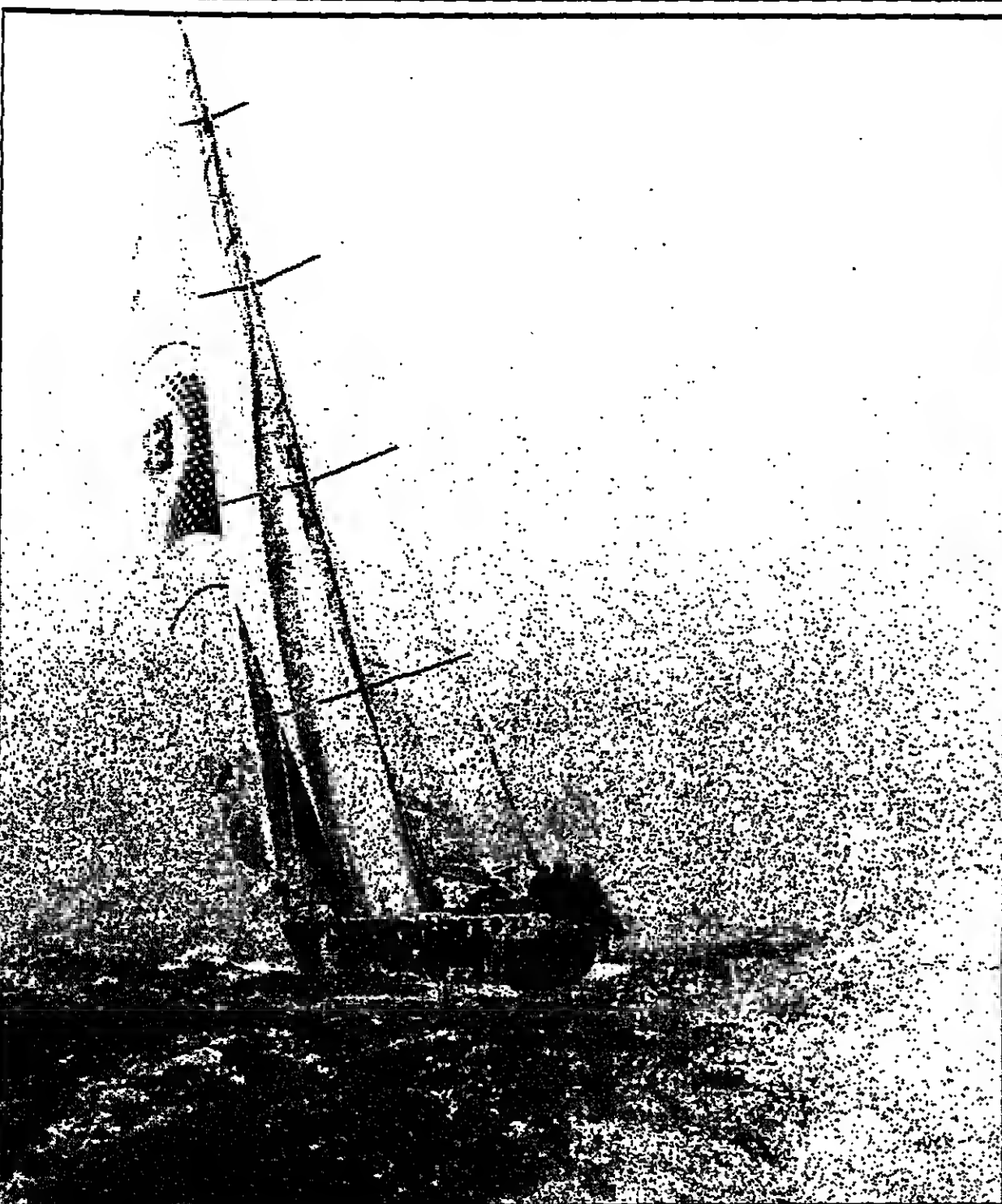
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Arms row flares after Yes vote triumph

## Adams told: it's time to deliver

John Mulholland  
Ireland Correspondent

**D**AVID Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, last night signalled the next phase in Northern Ireland's political transformation when he demanded a clear pledge from Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin president, that the IRA was finished with violence for good. Mr Trimble, buoyed by an impressive 71.1 per cent vote for the Good Friday agreement, said it was vital now that Sinn Féin realised there was neither support nor justification for undemocratic methods. The Yes campaign was backed by at least 95 per cent of nationalists.

Mr Trimble said: "The time has come for Mr Adams to deliver. It could start off with a clear statement that this would be the last time there is a commitment to peaceful means; that there will be no return to violence."

Northern Ireland voted 71.1 per cent to 28.9 per cent in favour of the agreement. The turnout was 81 per cent and the result was announced on Saturday. Voters in the Irish Republic also ratified the deal. About 55 per cent turned out, backing the deal by 94.4 per cent to 5.6 per cent.

It was the first all-Ireland poll since 1918. The results of the poll, which marked the 80th anniversary of the 1918 rebellion, when Protestant and Catholic

joined forces against their English oppressors. Mr Adams yesterday repeated his demands to meet Mr Trimble, who so far has refused to speak to him. Mr Adams wants to talk to him about this July's annual Orange march at Drumcree, near Portadown, Co Armagh. He wants Mr Trimble, whose Upper Bann constituency includes Drumcree, to use his influence to stop it.

The march has sparked violent clashes for the past four years as the Orangemen tried to march down the nationalist Garvaghy Road there. There are fears this year's trouble will be the worst yet.

Mr Adams refused to talk about decommissioning until after Drumcree. The Government made it a priority to ensure that the elections for the 106-seat assembly took place before the marching season, for fear it could spark enough unrest to wreck the poll.

Mr Adams said: "You talk to me about decommissioning. Talk to me about that after July 12 if these parades go ahead. Talk to me about it after the Tour of the North in Belfast. Talk to me if the RUC back to their way down the Garvaghy Road."

He added it would be no big deal for the Orange Order to re-route the parade to avoid nationalist areas.

The Independent Parades Commission, set up this year to rule on contentious marches, was poised to announce last month that it was planning to refuse the Orange



Order to march down the road. Tony Blair intervened, and told it to postpone the report, fearing it could badly hit the referendum campaign.

Mr Adams, the Northern Ireland Secretary, infuriated nationalists last year after the RUC forced a route through for the Orangemen. Police removed protesters who tried to block them.

That followed violent clashes between the two previous co-chairmen of the multi-party negotiations, said yesterday he was not looking for the sides to make a public handover. But he expected them to get rid of their guns.

posed to the Stormont deal. It indicated to its 70,000 members in Northern Ireland to vote against it.

Mr Adams, who said the significance was that the guns were silent, appeared to be attempting to deflect attention from decommissioning of terrorist weapons. It is the one issue that threatens the working of the assembly and power-sharing executive.

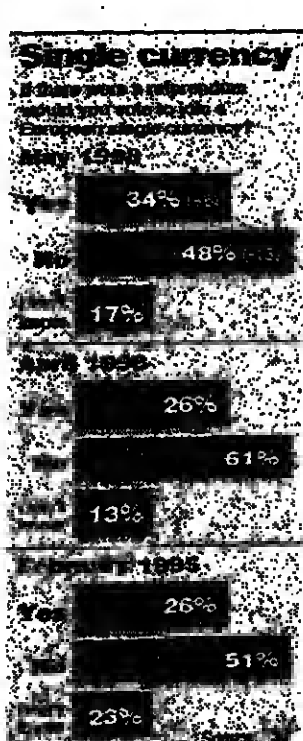
Mr Trimble is in difficulties over decommissioning. The agreement binds parties only to using their influence to try to ensure all paramilitary weapons are handed in within two years.

Although Mr Blair tried to reassure Unionists terrified at the prospect of Mr Adams and his deputy, Martin McGuinness, sitting in government without the IRA beginning to hand in its weapons, there are no guarantees. Sinn Féin will insist on its place while the IRA has signalled there will be no decommissioning.

The British and Irish governments have pledged to have decommissioning schemes in force by the end of next month.

Canadian General John de Chastelain, one of the three co-chairmen of the multi-party negotiations, said yesterday he was not looking for the sides to make a public handover. But he expected them to get rid of their guns.

## Support grows for joining single currency as rest of EU agrees



**S**UPPORT in Britain for the single European currency, the euro, has risen sharply in the last month, according to the latest Guardian/ICM opinion poll.

Although Euro-scepticism still commands substantial backing in Britain, it has fallen below a majority of 50 per cent for the first time after dropping 13 points in the last month.

Support for the euro has risen by eight points to 34 per cent — its highest level for three years.

The change of heart appears to have been influenced by the announcement by the 11 other European Union partners that they are definitely joining the single currency next year.

The gap between pro and anti-euro camps is narrowed if the "don't knows" — many of whom would be expected to become no votes in the promised referendum — are excluded, giving figures of 55

per cent for the anti and 42 per cent for the pro.

For the first time there is now greater support among Labour voters for the euro than those prepared to vote against Britain joining (48 per cent to 36 per cent). Liberal Democrat voters are still opposed to the euro by two to one. Opposition among Conservative supporters now

stands at 60 per cent but is down from the 73 per cent registered last month.

There is a strong gender difference on the issue with men now almost evenly split on whether to join the single currency with 43 per cent opposed to 41 per cent in favour. Scepticism is much stronger among women, who say that they will vote not to join by

## Britons take major awards at Cannes

Richard Williams on film festival triumph for star of alcoholic's story

**A** BRITISH actor and director won two of the main prizes at the Cannes Film Festival last night. Peter Mullan was named best actor for his powerful performance as a recovering alcoholic in Ken Loach's *My Name Is Joe*, while the veteran film-maker John Boorman received the Best Director award for *The Centurion*, his version of the story of Martin Cahill, the Dublin crime boss assassinated by the IRA in 1994.

Mullan was said to be the unanimous choice of the 10-strong jury which included the actors Winona Ryder and Sigourney Weaver, the directors Chen Kaige and Michael Winterbottom, and the French rap star MC Solaar, under the chairmanship of Martin Scorsese.

Mullan's earlier films included *Training Day*, *Shallow Grave* and *Braveheart*, and Loach's included *Riff Raff*. Mullan, aged 38, said he wanted to share the award with Loach. Accepting the award he said: "Martin Scorsese said my

name. The next time he says my name and 'Action', I will be a very happy man."

His own directorial debut, a black farce called *Orphans*, set (like *My Name Is Joe*) in Glasgow, was shown out of competition in the festival.

The Scot's chief opposition was thought to have come from two far better known names, the Swiss actor Bruno Ganz and the Italian actor-director Roberto Benigni. Ganz stars in *Eternity and a Day*, by the revered Greek director Theo Angelopoulos, which was awarded the Palme d'Or, the festival's main prize. Benigni's film, *Life is Beautiful*, received a much greater ovation from the audience in Palais des Festivals when it was given the Grand Prix, in effect the runner-up trophy.

The Best Actress award went to Romy Bouchet and Natacha Régnier, respectively French and Belgian, for *La Vie Revue Des Anges*, the first feature film by Erick Zanca.

John Boorman, aged 65, made his debut in 1965 with



Ken Loach, whose film took Best Actor award

Catch Us If You Can, an exploitation film featuring the Dave Clark Five. He won praise in 1967 for *Point Blank*, which is to be released this summer, and took a director's award at Cannes in 1970 for *Leo The Last*, starring the late Marcello Mastroianni. In *The General*, which was shot in black and white, the Irish actor Brendan Gleeson does a remarkable job of impersonating the charismatic Cahill. Mastroianni was the first

choice of Angelopoulos to play the part of a dying author who revisits his past, in *Eternity and a Day*, but Ganz took it over when the Italian's long final illness worsened. It features serious philosophical inquiry and remarkable images, and has already been bought for British distribution.

The Jury Prize, a third-place award, was shared by *The Class Trip*, by the French director Claude Miller, and *Festen*, a Danish family drama by Thomas Vinterberg, both of which root their themes in the sexual abuse of children by parents.

The Best Screenplay went to the American writer-director-producer Hal Hartley for *Henry Fool*. The Camera d'Or, the festival's first film, went to Marc Levin, another American, for *Slam*, which also took the Directors' Fortnight prize.

Second place in the short film competition was shared by two more British directors: Lynne Ramsay, another Scot, for *Gesman*, and David Lodge, a graduate of the Royal College of Art, for *Horvath*. The winner was Xavier Gnanou, of France, for *L'Interview*.

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# Ireland says yes

## At the beginning of the end

Unionist 'No' camp threatens to pose constant headache for David Trimble in assembly

John Mullan  
Ireland Correspondent

**T**HAT, believe it or not, was the easy part. Now the real battles begin, and Northern Ireland is braced for a leader of the Ulster Unionists, scored a resounding victory, and no one should take that away from him. He had sought 70 per cent at the outset of the campaign, and was still bravely warbling that tune on its last day. There were times, though, when it looked a distant prospect.

Mr Trimble had a difficult time. The wrath of Ian Paisley and Bob McCartney can be fearsome, and mutinous splits in his own party hardly aided. Sinn Féin's cohesion sent shudders through the Ulster Unionist's Yes campaign.

The British and Irish governments hardly helped. The appearance of the Balcombe Street IRA gang at Sinn Féin's annual conference was an

astounding blunder. The parole of Michael Stone, the loyalist mass killer, was even worse. Because of the amazing television footage of his attack on an IRA funeral at Milltown cemetery in west Belfast, Stone's three murders in a gun and grenade attack there in 1988 are seared in the public mind. They are also, of course, much more recent than the Balcombe Street gang's.

That he was granted parole at such a sensitive time in the knowledge that he would attack the Ulster Democratic Party's rally was a bad judgment. Law-abiding Unionists viewed his crimes at least as seriously as those of the four members of the Balcombe Street gang, and it served only to fuel fears over the prisoners.

But that all this happened on the same night as Tony Blair's second emergency dash to Northern Ireland to stem the resurging Unionist vote was beyond belief. His visit was overshadowed, and the No camp made big inroads.



Delight in the King's Hall, Belfast. PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN WRIGHT

The Yes lobby probably only got it right for three days of the campaign. But they were the last three days. It was a tad embarrassing at the time, but Mr Trimble and John Hume, leader of the SDLP, carried off their appearance with US and Ash at the Waterfront Hall pretty well. The concert's image

replaced that of the previous debates, and that was reinforced when they spoke and posed for pictures with Mr Blair last Thursday.

But although the Yes campaign has scored a success, there is still an element of lurking disappointment. No one can be sure whether most Unionist voters backed the

deal, and that leaves scope for the Democratic Unionist Party and UK Unionists. Take their figures first. They say that because Unionist parties attracted 51 per cent of the vote in the past three elections, a 26 per cent No vote meant a majority of Unionists rejected the deal. That assumes, heroically, a negligible nationalist No vote. Mr Trimble defined it differently. He said that 62 per cent of the electorate was Protestant, so the No lobby needed at least 31 per cent. And anyway, he believed several percentage points came from republican hardliners opposed to the deal.

Th Northern Ireland Office (NIO) had yet another calculation. Allowing for 95 per cent of nationalists backing the agreement, a Unionist majority kicked in at 67 per cent. Anything more and the gap widened.

The Sunday Times, in its exit poll, believed Unionists backed the deal by 55 to 45 per cent. That just about coincided with the NIO's analysis.

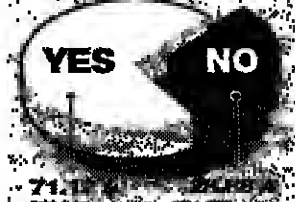
Robin Wilson, director of the independent think-tank Democratic Dialogue, believes most Protestants voted for the deal, but a majority of Unionists may have voted against. That disparity is partly explained by the Alliance Party, which has about 11 per cent of the vote, about two-thirds of it Protestant. It is not regarded as Unionist in any of the previous calculations.

So Dr Paisley and Mr McCartney might have been jeered out of the King's Hall on Saturday, but the fight for Unionism is very much alive. Sydney Elliott, professor of politics at Queen's University, calculates that a 28 per cent vote repeated for the two parties on June 25 would create big difficulties for Mr Trimble. That would give the Unionist No bloc 30 seats in the 108-seat assembly.

Although his analysis assumes the entire No vote was Unionist, he believes hardline Unionist parties might pick up Yes voters who want tough assembly representatives. With 30 seats the No bloc

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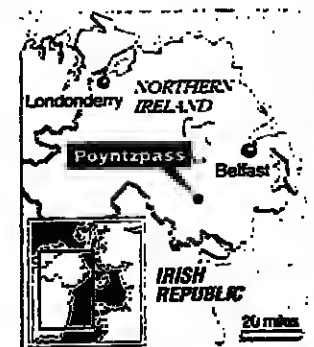
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'The two communities have lived together without any trouble,' said Helena Trainor, whose cousin was shot dead in March. PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL McERLANE

## Killers' last target looks to the future

**On the ground/**  
'This seems the only way we can move on,' say the villagers of Poyntzpass



Stuart Miller in Belfast

**P**OYNTZPASS was a village in celebration yesterday. Outsiders may have been hard pushed to notice: there was no cheering, no champagne.

But behind their tidy front doors, the inhabitants of the tiny farming community tucked between the Armagh hills were quietly giving

thanks that Northern Ireland had taken a small step towards leaving the past behind.

This is a village which feels more keenly than most what is at stake. On March 3, two best friends — one a Roman Catholic, the other a Protestant — were murdered by loyalist gunmen as they drank together in the wood-panelled confines of the Railway Bar.

It was on a wet day much

like yesterday that thousands of mourners watched as Damien Trainor and Philip Allen were laid to rest in the small Catholic and Presbyterian churchyards where their graves await headstones.

The scarred hills on the bar's floor may be the only remaining sign of that terrible night, but the killings changed life in Poyntzpass beyond measure. In this part of rural Northern Ireland they had felt protected from the worst of the troubles. Then two masked men burst into the bar, ordered the seven customers on to the floor, and began firing.

Eleven weeks on, the village is looking to the future, hoping these killings will go down in history as the last in 30 years of sectarian violence.

At the local shop villagers were going about their normal Sunday life, popping in for pints of milk and for the papers filled with headlines trium-

phantly announcing the massive Yes vote. Behind the counter, Helena Trainor, Damien's cousin, admitted it had been a long haul. 'This village will never forget what happened that night. It is so fresh it sometimes feels like last night.'

Although welcome, the Yes vote 'doesn't take the pain away. We all still have worries and doubts. But this seems the only way we can move on.'

Foremost among these worries is the issue of prisoners. Three members of the Loyalist Volunteer Force from the nearby town of Banbridge will stand trial for the murders. A fourth man was also arrested, but was strangled by LVF inmates in the Maze prison after co-operating with police.

Even if they are convicted, these men will be released within two years under the terms of the agreement which the vil-

lagers backed last Friday. Yet Damien's father Sean believes the anguish both families will suffer at their release will be a worthwhile price if the agreement delivers peace.

'I would never want them to get out,' Helena Trainor said. 'But if the likes of Sean are saying he can live with it, who are we to say different? He is one of the people who has lost the most.'

Colman, one of her customers, was not so sure. 'I suppose people say move forward,' he said. 'But if I had a son or daughter killed I'd want to see the people who did it rot.'

Mrs Trainor added: 'People always say that we are strange in this village, because the two communities have lived together without any trouble. I believe we are normal, and I hope the referendum result proves that there are more like us across Northern Ireland.'

## Sinn Féin seeks poll allies as its star wanes

**Nationalist dilemma/**  
SDLP's gains worry Adams

John Mullan

**M**OST politicians, exhausted by the long referendum campaign, were looking forward to a couple of days off at the beginning of the week before starting all over again for the June 25 assembly elections.

After all, the Yes versus No battle had lasted six weeks. It had immediately followed the intensive, stressful multi-party negotiations at Stormont which led to the Good Friday agreement.

Not though, Sinn Féin. Hours before the historic result, Gerry Adams and his team were already preparing their strategy for the assembly elections.

Mr Adams, Sinn Féin's president, suggested an electoral pact with the SDLP to maximise the nationalist vote. It appeared a spontaneous thought but was quickly followed up in radio interviews with Sinn Féin's chairman, Mitchell McLaughlin, and Martin McGuinness, Mr Adams's deputy and MP for Mid-Ulster.

SDLP sources dismissed the notion as absurd. They see no benefit in an electoral pact for an election determined by single transferable vote.

One SDLP figure said: 'Who else are their people going to vote for second if not us?'

Mark Durcan, one of the SDLP's key players, saw the aim as an attempt to keep Sinn Féin centre stage, a ploy to avert what Sinn Féin most fears: a deal in the assembly between the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP to return politics to the centre ground, after a talk process defined by the margins.

The SDLP feels its crucial role in the agreement has been underplayed. The deal is pretty close to what it argued for a quarter of a century ago, in the final stages at Castle Buildings it was the SDLP and the Ulster Unionists who between them found the solutions.

Sinn Féin at that point was close to walking away. But it

stayed to concentrate on the issues which have caused Unionist most problems: police reform, the release of paramilitary prisoners and the issue of decommissioning terrorists' weapons.

It won on those points, but in doing so realised that the Ulster Unionists and SDLP could forge an effective working relationship. It is this issue that will determine the future path of politics in Northern Ireland: whether the assembly is defined by relative consensus between the two parties or by the polarisation between the Ulster Unionist Party leader, David Trimble, and Mr Adams.

To emphasise that distinction, which is useful to him, Mr Adams repeated his plea to Mr Trimble to meet him. Sinn Féin knows its request, oozing reason, underscores in the public eye the perceived intransigence of the Ulster Unionists.

Another element of the same strategy came yesterday when Mr Adams raised the prospect of trouble at Drumcree. He urged the Orange Order to avoid the nationalist parades in the town, which have been a source of trouble for years, in July.

Sinn Féin is a smart outfit. Its united political machinery can squeeze big gains from even the worst of situations. Its members are fearlessly committed. Its representatives in the assembly, for example, will pass their £36,000 salaries to party funds, relying on a modest stipend.

But an exit poll in the Sunday Times — carried with extra details in the paper's Irish editions — shows Sinn Féin's support is down to 18 per cent from a high of 15 per cent in the July 1996 election for the peace forum.

It also demonstrates a strong leap in SDLP support. At 28 per cent, it is more than twice as big as Sinn Féin, a rise of 7 per cent on its forum result.

On the basis of the referendum result, the SDLP emerges as the largest single party in the assembly, with 32 seats, and the dynamics of its relationship with Sinn Féin are likely to be key, particularly over decommissioning.

The SDLP's leader, John Hume, although expected to stand for the assembly, is likely to forgo the expected post of deputy first minister. It is thought this will go instead to Seamus Mallon, his long-serving deputy.

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'We all feel like Palestinians down here: people trapped without a state'  
**Paddy Short,**  
Crossmaglen landlord

## Ulster faces a new dirty war

can demand that votes are taken on a cross-community basis. That means key decisions must be backed by a 50 per cent weighted majority of members. That figure must include the backing of at least 40 per cent of both Unionist and nationalist.

If Mr Trimble fails to ensure the selection of loyal candidates, several Ulster Unionist Party members might join with the DUP and UK Unionists in some votes. Mr Trimble or John Taylor, who might instead be deputy first minister, would be left with a constant headache, developing perhaps into paralysis.

The Sunday Times exit poll conducted by Coopers and Lybrand, though, offers Mr Trimble more comfort than Prof Elliott's doomsday scenario. Had the new Northern Ireland assembly been elected last Friday, it indicates that the DUP would have taken 16 seats and UK Unionists one.

Mr Trimble's Ulster Unionists are — on 31 seats — piped as the biggest party by a resurgent SDLP, with 32. Sinn Féin

is on 15; the Alliance six; the Progressive Unionist Party five; and one each for the Ulster Democratic Party and the Women's Coalition.

After the elections, the assembly's first function will be to decide who the first minister and first deputy minister are in the power-sharing executive. They will be elected on the basis of parallel consent — by a majority of both Unionist and nationalist. An assembly close to Prof Elliott's suggestions could mean stalemate at the first hurdle.

But if that sounds a little sticky, the assembly's next job appears an impossibility: to form the 12-member power-sharing executive. Each party will be allocated places in proportion to its size in the assembly. It will also have to agree to a duty of service. That is designed to stop the DUP wrecking the cross-border dimension, and it is difficult to see how it could form part of the cabinet.

But Sinn Féin will have two seats. The IRA will not have decommissioned any of its



A delighted Mo Mowlam and junior minister Paul Murphy

weapons, and Mr Trimble has pledged never to sit with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness until it does.

Mr Trimble has allowed decommissioning to be sidelined before. He knows it will never happen, but after all the controversy during the campaign it is difficult to see how he can back down on it again.

Mr Blair did much to reassure Unionist doubters he was serious that the IRA had to decommission. No doubt he is, but the agreement offers no guarantees. Participants confirm only that they will work with the Independent Commission on Decommissioning, and that they will strive to have all weapons

handed in within two years. That stops short of blocking Sinn Féin from going into the power-sharing executive. Mr Adams has his defence in place: Sinn Féin draws its legitimacy solely from the ballot box. To deny its voters their rights by excluding the party would be another example of British discrimination.

It is difficult to imagine ways out of this impasse. The Government could pledge a large army pullout from Northern Ireland in return for the IRA tipping it off to a token weapons dump. A reduced number of soldiers would probably mean a rise in the number of intelligence officers.

Unionist doubters are annoyed that there was never any linkage of the effective amnesty programme to decommissioning. But the legislation for the accelerated release of paramilitary prisoners is soon to go through the Commons. That issue is now settled.

The thorny question of RUC reform is on the back burner.

Chris Patten, the former Hong Kong governor, will come up with his recommendations in a year's time.

Should the executive get up and running, it will have until October 31 to agree what cross-border bodies should be set up. If it fails to do so, and that is a real possibility, the inter-dependent nature of the agreement would mean the assembly would be scuppered.

A British-Irish council seems the least controversial element. It will eventually include representatives from Westminster, the Irish parliament and the Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

There will be a long period in which the assembly shadows the six existing Northern Ireland departments. Assuming all crises are negotiated, legislation will establish the assembly and transfer powers from London in January.

That is way beyond the horizon. Saturday's result was hardly the end or its beginning. But it was the end of the beginning.

Failure to agree establishment of cross-border bodies would torpedo the new parliament

## Paisley allies will fight back despite first round losses

**The Unionist dilemma: old rump vs new liberals**

John Mulholland

AT LEAST the injuries were only to his pride. Ian Paisley was chanted out of the King's Hall, Belfast, after the result was announced to the strains of "Cheerio, cheerio, cheerio". His one-time supporters, now seen as the loyal fringe outfits, the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, gleefully delivered a raucous rendition of "I'm A Yesteryear Man".

But Mr Paisley's wounds will quickly heal, and the fight will go on. Rounds one and two lost, but all to play for in round three.

Along with Bob McCartney, the UK Unionist leader, the No campaigners will fight hard to retain the 28 per cent vote achieved on meagre resources on Saturday. That would cause David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, serious problems in the assembly.

Mr Trimble's task, meanwhile, is to woo back as many of the "soft No" camp as possible. He also wants his constituency associations to ensure it adopts candidates who are committed to making the assembly work. He is likely to be reasonably successful.

The United Unionists — the No campaign amalgam of the DUP, UK Unionists, and Ulster Unionist refusniks — are expected to put up candidates. But, although Mr Trimble had allowed his party members to campaign against the deal, any Ulster Unionists becoming involved would be kicked out of the party.

He could lose at least one of his nine parliamentary colleagues. Willie Thompson, the maverick MP for West Tyrone, is seething at the agreement and trenchant about Mr Trimble's leadership that the party hierarchy would be glad to see him join Dr Paisley's DUP.

But if Willie Ross, MP for East Londonderry, went too, it would be a blow. His criticisms have been pointed, but he is well respected and Mr Trimble, who is now in a position of some strength, would like to be magnanimous.

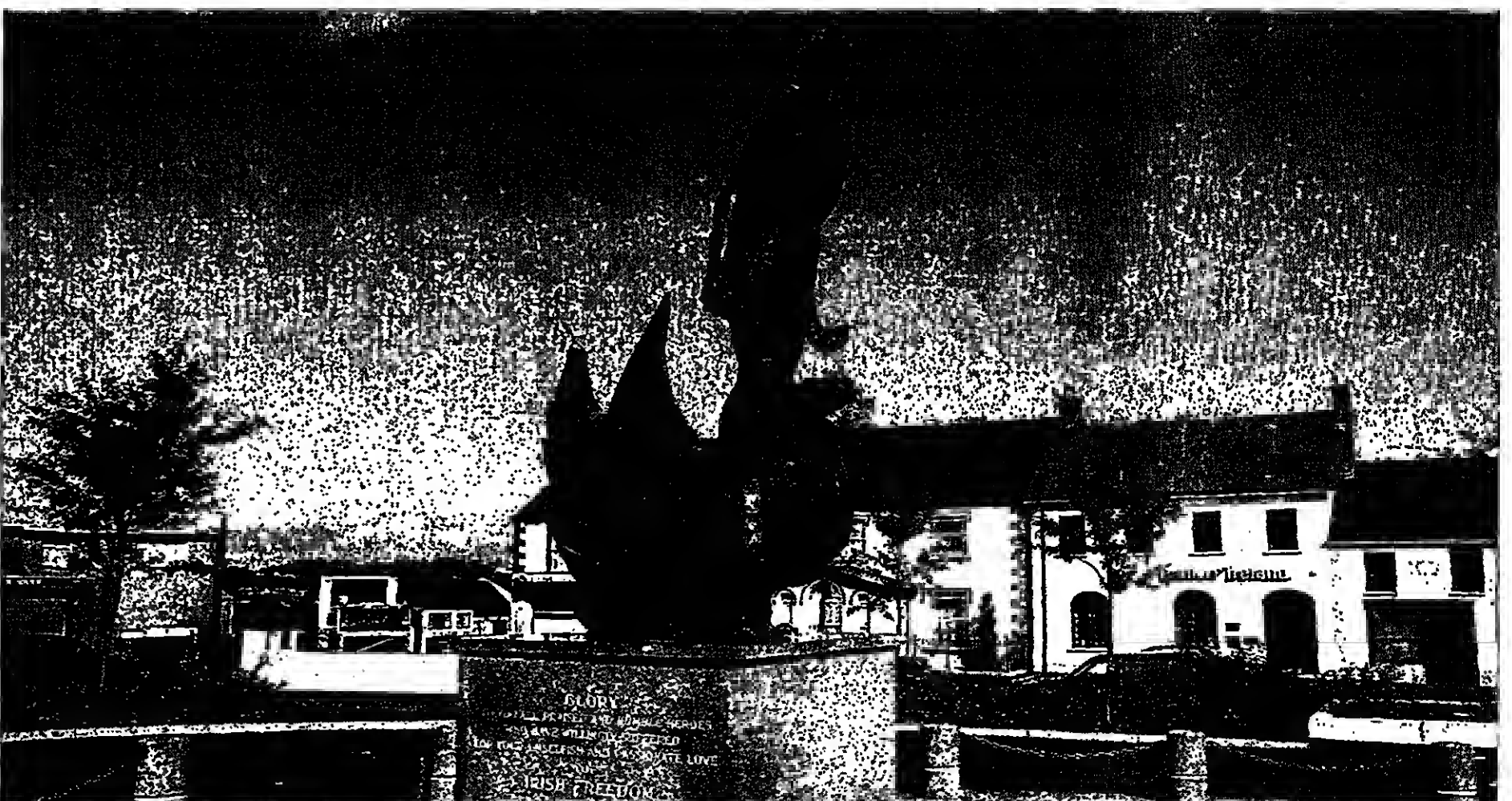
Four more Ulster Unionist MPs were opposed to the deal. The others seem likely to return to the fold, with Legan Valley MP Jeffrey Donaldson, the young pretender to Mr Trimble's crown, leading the charge.

Mr Trimble will accept this though gritted teeth. He is privately furious at Mr Donaldson, who walked out of the Stormont negotiations at the last minute and then rebuffed extraordinary attempts by Tony Blair to woo him back to the Yes camp.

Mr Donaldson, no fool, will exact a price. He is demanding a copper-bottomed guarantee that Sinn Féin take no place in the power-sharing executive before the IRA hands over weapons.

Unionists, said Mr Paisley last week, will never be the same again. The split he predicts will see a backward-looking rump and others whose knee-jerk response is always to oppose. But there is also a new, forward-looking, more liberal Unionism.

John Taylor, deputy leader, says one casualty will be the link with the Orange Order, which has more than 100 places on the party's ruling council. His own journey, from key member of the discredited old regime at Stormont to Yes campaigner, exemplifies how far Unionism has come.



Centre of republicanism... Crossmaglen, the border town where hardline nationalists fear the future with Unionist demands in the North and Irish government demands in the South

## Republican games put Dublin goal in doubt

**On the ground: Hardliners in Crossmaglen see threats to their future from North and South**

Stuart Miller

BARELY had the returning officer in the King's Hall in Belfast declared the Yes vote when the television in Chum's Bar in



Crossmaglen was unceremoniously clicked back to the racing. The four men at the bar turned round, emptied their glasses and went back to discussing the form for the 3.15 at Doncaster.

"People are like sheep: they will vote whatever

way they are told," was all one of the drinkers would mutter in response to the result.

The reaction in Chum's, which overlooks the grey town square in the centre of Crossmaglen, was far from unusual. This is south Armagh, the heartland of 32-county republicanism. And hereabouts the referendum result was greeted with grim resignation, in marked contrast to the jubilation of Sinn Féin's leaders.

It is estimated that of the 28 per cent of Northern Ireland's voters that opposed the Good Friday agreement, about 3-4 per cent were staunch Republicans. Many will come from this town, people who opposed the agreement out of principle, people who feel let

down not by Gerry Adams but by the politicians in Dublin.

"I thought about this long and hard," Raymond, a Sinn Féin supporter, said. "Dublin has given up the territorial claim to the north and that is a betrayal I could not stomach."

Ronnie the corner in Short's Bar, the landlord, Paddy Short, was telling a story he believes sums up the plight of those who refuse to support an agreement they see as legitimising partition.

Next week the Gaelic Athletic Association, which the over-65s Gaelic football and hurling, will vote to remove Rule 21 of its constitution, which has barred the participation of the police and British soldiers in the sports for more than 100 years.

Sinn Féin is opposing the change, arguing the rule should stay until the RUC is disbanded and the British Army sent home. But the Irish government is lobbying hard in favour of a change.

"This must prove that Dublin does not care about us," Mr Short said. He describes himself as an old-fashioned 32-county man. "They don't want to know. We all feel like the Palestinians down here: people trapped without a state."

Issues such as this are dominating the thoughts of hardline Republican voters who feel alienated by the political culture they aspire to be part of. Yet few drinking in Short's believed the referendum result would force a serious split in Republicanism, at least not yet.

"Gerry Adams has a big following, people have a lot of faith in him," Mr Short said. "Best thing that can happen is for there to be a massive vote for Sinn Féin at the assembly elections. That way they can't be stopped from taking up seats, if that doesn't happen, that's where the trouble will begin."

The Republicans are deeply worried. "Unionists will all get back together and form a front against the nationalists," said Mr Short. "If we let them take control it will be the bad days all over again."

But for now hardliners are keeping their powder dry. For most, it is the racing and the plight of the GAA that will be uppermost in their minds for a little while yet.

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**Michael White** reviews academic credentials of prominent politicians and doubts if doctorates do them much good

George Walden (left), unabashed elitist, condemns 'populist drive' of Chris Smith (right), who did a PhD at Cambridge on Romantic poets but who, according to Walden, 'cannot write English'.



## Culture secretary's book 'semi-literate'

**T**HE Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, was denounced yesterday as the well-meaning but semi-literate author of "an appalling book" on New Labour's arts policies which reflects "every piece of populist drive" ever written on culture and democracy.

The saddest thing about this truly mortifying book is that our Secretary of State, who reminds us that he spent a year at Harvard studying Wordsworth, cannot write English, concludes a former Tory education minister, George Walden, in his review of Creative Britain. Mr Smith's newly published slim volume.

The book has received mixed reviews, but Mr Walden's attack is doubly wounding since the former MP, who stood down at the last elec-

tion, is widely accepted as a political intellectual, albeit one who proved too fastidious to get to the top of the "greasy pole" of politics.

Mr Smith is one of six members of the Blair Cabinet who boast a doctorate — in his case from Cambridge, for his thesis on the Romantic poets. It has not spared him the Walden lash for "ingratiating himself with mass taste" just when David Blunkett, Education Secretary, is struggling to raise school standards.

Mr Walden is an unabashed elitist, who sees Mr Smith's attempt to reconcile high art with popular art as a "condescending" betrayal, couched in a style that is "not just awkward, it is semi-literate".

But his onslaught highlights recurring tensions between the intellectual and the pragmatic approach to politics. "Too clever by half" is a

Tory insult that could well have been applied to Mr Walden, as it sometimes is to David "Two Brains" Willetts, the party's employment spokesman. But brains — especially brains backed by exam results — are always respected in Labour's ranks.

The culture gap between the parties is reflected in the startling difference in the number of doctorates on each side. The Tories have seven, including Brian Mawhinney, John Redwood and Michael Fabricant; his from the University of Southern California.

Labour has at least 34, including 12 first elected in 1997. The six in Cabinet are Gordon Brown, David Clark, Jack Cunningham, Mo Mowlam, Chris Smith and Gavin Strang. The latter two are on most reshuffle lists, marked for demotion. This underlines

one of Westminster's clear messages: a PhD is no guarantee of political skills or success.

The popularity of Ms Mowlam, currently the most admired Cabinet member for her peace-making role in Northern Ireland, rests heavily on her "touchy-feely" ability to connect with those she meets.

Despite fielding more than 20 PhDs and DPhil as candidates, the Liberal Democrats managed to get only one elected: Vince Cable, an economist.

Oxford-educated Mr Blair is clever but unimpeachable. His formidable success also seems rooted in intuitive skills, his capacity to catch the public mood. Baroness Thatcher, patronised by more obviously "brilliant" male colleagues, had that talent for a time.

Stamina, common sense and instinct often serve politicians better.

Winston Churchill, one of four 20th century prime ministers not to attend a university (the others were John Major, James Callaghan and Ramsay MacDonald), was out of step with the public mood for 20 years before coming to embody it in 1940.

Harold Wilson, a premier with 17 alphas out of 18 Finals papers he sat at Oxford, started well and ended badly. His 1964, 1966 and 1974 Cabinets were, on paper, among the cleverest ever, full of brilliant Oxford men with good war records, such as Denis Healey, Roy Jenkins, Tony Crosland, Tony Benn and Richard Crossman, not forget-

ting Barbara Castle, an Oxford classics graduate. Yet they fell into spectacular error, culminating in the International Monetary Fund crisis in 1976.

But then, no form of intelligence is a guarantee of success, as clever ministers without doctorates — including Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Lord Irvine, the

Lord Chancellor — demonstrate. Both have formidable analytical capacities — in Lord Irvine's case an ability to devour mountains of paperwork.

But many MPs doubt if they and similarly gifted politicians would pass a simple common sense test: would you send them out to post a letter?

### Eggheads in the hothouse



Mo Mowlam



Denzil Davies



David Willetts



Francis Maude

**Labour**  
 □ Tony Blair: street smart intelligence. Oxford BA.  
 □ Gordon Brown: reads books and writes them. Edinburgh MA and PhD.  
 □ Robin Cook: would you let him post a letter? Edinburgh MA.  
 □ Mo Mowlam: all instinct.

**Conservatives**  
 □ William Hague: Oxford  
 you wouldn't know she had a PhD. Durham BA, Iowa MA and PhD.  
 □ Denzil Davies, MP for Llanelli: alleged to be the cleverest MP. Too clever to be in government. Oxford BA.

**First, but is he a train-spotter?**  
 □ John Redwood: PhD from the University of Krypton. Oxford MA, DPhil.  
 □ Francis Maude: Bratney City type, not so voter-friendly. Cambridge MA.  
 □ David Willetts: Two brains and an Oxford BA.

**Liberal Democrats**  
 □ Earl Russell: Dangerous academic and leftwing intellectual, just like Dad. Oxford MA. Yale MA.

## Brown chides big spenders

'Unimaginative' cabinet ministers criticised over £330bn budget

**Michael White**  
Political Editor

**S**ENIOR cabinet ministers are heading for a furious climax to the Treasury's review of public spending as the Chancellor virtually "names and shames" his unhelpful colleagues.

Yesterday, after months of examination by ministers about how the Government's £330 billion expenditure programme might be put to more imaginative and effective use — all done with little or no fuss, or publicity — the lid came off the process. Antiques, art, and the Foreign Office's buildings faced the firing line. With just six

weeks before the comprehensive spending review (CSR) is due to unveil extra billions for key departments from 1999 to 2002, Tony Blair spent part of his weekend going through progress reports from the FX sub-committee of the cabinet. It has been examining 33 cross-departmental budget reviews.

But a string of inspired leaks yesterday fingered Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, and the Department of Trade and Industry under Margaret Beckett, for failing to offer imaginative re-allocation of resources, or for making "trivialous bids" for extra funds they know they will not

get — a traditional Whitehall technique. "If you start out by offering cuts, they say fine, we'll take that and have some more," one minister said.

Gordon Brown is demanding higher levels of creativity. The so-called "good boys", who have generated greater efficiency in their departments or lucrative new income-streams, are said to include John Prescott's giant Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Jack Straw's Home Office team, and the two secretaries of state in the "early pledges" hot seats, David Blunkett at education, and Frank Dobson at health.

But even that list is disputed. While Mr Straw is praised by some colleagues for offering "some very astute and serious re-structuring", rivals hint that Mr Dobson and Mr Blunkett have only made "piecemeal or tokenistic" offerings. That may not guarantee them the predicted extra £2 billion a year each — £6 billion-plus over three years — to tackle class sizes and NHS waiting lists.

"David's been spraying money around, but are we getting results? Is this a resource or management problem?" one senior minister asked. "Some ministers talk about their problems, how they need more money because their department is so important. It seems we have a lot of very important embassies," said another.

The controversy rests mainly on an ambitious drive to shift resources to new priorities, notably health and education, by finding ways of financing programmes and unearthing public assets that no longer needed, can be sold.

The beleaguered Mr Cook is in the firing line because New Labour is impatient with traditional Foreign Office ambitions and with the department's UnCool Britannia style where the grandeur of major embassies — in Moscow, Paris, Rome, Washington and Tokyo — reflect the style of a past imperial age. Mr Brown wants to sell off embassy property, or their valuable art works. Mr Robertson has a similar problem — Ministry of Defence land and assets that cannot earn their keep.

Other ministers have shown greater imagination in finding public/private partnerships to generate capital spending money — for housing, hospitals and schools — while searching for revenue-making schemes.

Ironically, Mr Robertson's budget has shrunk fast since the cold war ended, and Mr Cook's is trifling besides that of Social Security, where major reforms are causing headaches. Mrs Beckett's whose budget was decimated by Tory changes, is said to be fighting for her scientific research. But Dr Cunningham's budget has shot up, thanks to the Tory BSE legacy — though he is engaged in restructuring subsidies.

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## Chronology

**1898:** Born in Bavaria, son of a wealthy factory owner

**1917:** Studies literature and medicine in Munich, but abandons medicine for the theatre. Becomes a pacifist during first world war and moves towards Marxism in the 1920s

**1922:** First play, *Drums in the Night*

**1928:** The Threepenny Opera, based on John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*, with music composed by Kurt Weill — allegedly co-written by his secretary and lover, Elisabeth Hauptmann

**1933:** Flees Germany when Hitler comes to power and moves to Denmark

**1939:** Finishes *The Life of Galileo* and moves to Sweden and then Finland

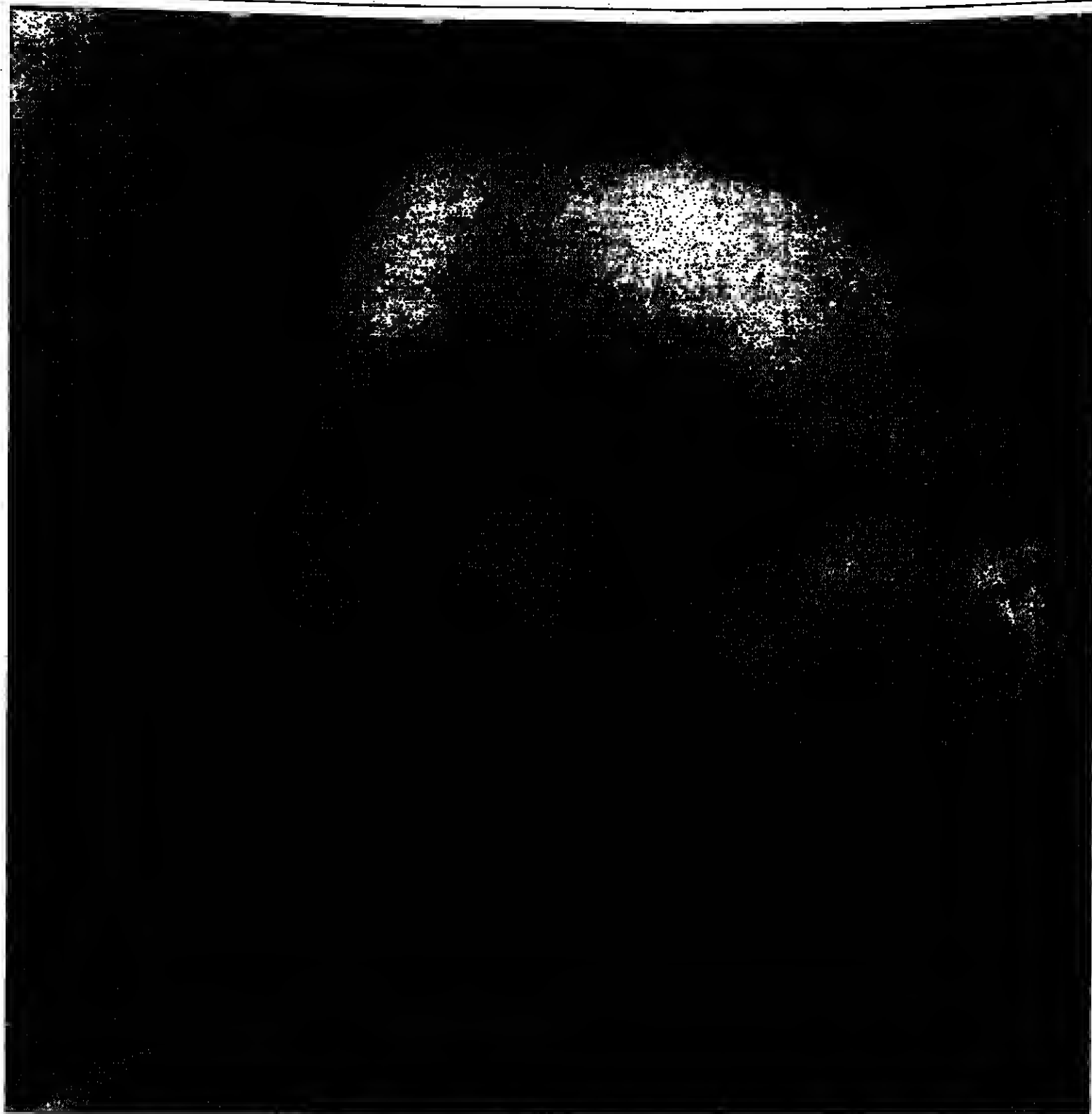
**1941:** Arrives in Hollywood, begins unsuccessful attempt at scriptwriting career. Completes *The Good Woman of Setzuan*

**1941:** Writes *Mother Courage and Her Children*

**1948:** Writes *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*

**1949:** Returns to live in East Berlin, where he founds and directs his own theatre company, the Berlin Ensemble

**1956:** Dies aged 58



Bertolt Brecht (above) and (top left) Juliet Stevenson and Nicholas Robinson in a production of the *Caucasian Chalk Circle* at the Oliver Theatre, London. British Brechtian academics are defending him against a charge that he had help writing his plays

## News in brief

## Scouting celebration turns to tragedy

A SCOUTING celebration turned into tragedy at the weekend when an 11-year-old boy fell 60ft into a ravine. Scott Fanning, who died later in hospital, was one of 500 scouts and guides at a gathering at Ashworth Camp, in the Lancashire Pennines near Rochdale, to mark the movement's 90th anniversary.

He had been found unconscious on rocks at the bottom of a steep cliff by paramedics, after other scouts and an assistant leader with him on an early morning walk had flagged down a motorist and used her mobile phone to fetch help. He was transferred from the Royal Manchester Children's hospital to Hope hospital, Salford, with head and back injuries, but died shortly afterwards with his parents at his bedside.

Family friends described him yesterday as a "lovely, happy-go-lucky boy", devoted to scouting since joining the Cub Scouts at the earliest possible age. His father Alan, who visited the camp yesterday and spoke to organisers, is a scout leader in Oldham, where the family lives.

Greater Manchester police said it appeared there were no suspicious circumstances. Chris Maxwell, Greater Manchester and Merseyside field commissioner, said: "We would obviously be sensitive to anything said at the inquest, but it would seem simply to have been a very tragic accident."

The camp, attended by scouts from as far away as Southampton, continued after discussions. Local clergy volunteered to comfort children if necessary. — *Martin Wainwright*

## Protest as Britons released

BRITISH diplomats in Pakistan yesterday demanded an explanation for the "outrageous" detention of British power plant workers and their wives in Baluchistan.

The 26 men and nine women were freed early yesterday after two days under effective house arrest while armed police had blockaded the plant where they live and work, 25 miles west of Karachi. The action was part of a dispute between the Pakistani power firm Hubco and the government over an order to halve electricity tariffs. Hubco is a quarter owned by the British firm National Power, for which the Britons were on contract.

A spokesman for the British High Commission in the capital, Islamabad, said: "This was not an appropriate way for the authorities to get whatever it is they want from Hubco. Putting restrictions on British nationals is an outrageous action. We are seeking an explanation from the authorities, and an assurance that it will not happen again."

## Missing diver presumed dead

A TEAM of adventure divers yesterday failed in a renewed attempt to recover a missing diver believed drowned in a dive on a Cornish wreck. Devon and Cornwall police named the missing diver as Paul Haydon, aged 33, of Hornchurch in Essex.

On Saturday he failed to return from a solo dive in 240ft of water 18 miles off Looe. He was with three Belgians and six Britons diving for the 11,000 ton *Africa*, a White Star liner torpedoed in 1917.

His team-mates alerted coastguards, but a search involving lifeboats and a Royal Navy helicopter was called off at nightfall. Yesterday the dive team returned but no trace of the man was found.

## Dangerous drugs stolen

DRUGS stolen from an ambulance attending an emergency call could kill if used in the wrong way, Strathclyde police warned yesterday.

A green satchel containing equipment and medication was taken from the ambulance at fibrox, near Glasgow, early yesterday morning. The drugs included Diazepam liquid but also ones that were adrenalin-based. "These drugs are dangerous and if taken without the advice of medical staff could cause serious illness," said a police spokesman.

## Two £10m lottery winners

TWO ticket holders each won £10 million in Saturday's £20 million National Lottery jackpot, the result of two rollovers. The numbers were: 8, 20, 24, 35, 43, and 47; bonus number 32.

## Brecht reputation at stake

Scholars deny Brecht's lovers helped pen his plays, writes **Amelia Gentleman**

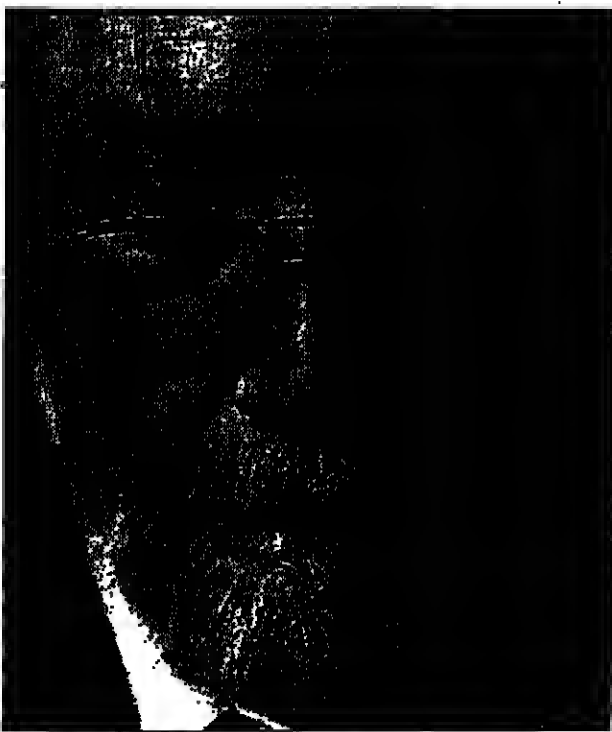
ACADEMIC feuds are notoriously bitter, and this one — complete with simmering accusations of plagiarism and sexual exploitation alongside battling Marxist and feminist ideologies — is no exception.

The peaceful world of the Brecht scholar has recently been disturbed by the publication of a controversial biography of the playwright, claiming he was a fraud whose plays were largely written by his adoring mistresses. Rival academics from the British Brechtian hierarchy were last night given a chance to restore the writer's good name.

The unlikely venue for the intellectual combat between American biographer John Fuegi and his critics was a genteel literary evening arranged at the Albert Hall in London to celebrate the centenary of the playwright's birth.

Dr Fuegi attacks the German playwright's status as a genius in Brecht & Co, a revised version of a book published this year, arguing that three of Brecht's lovers wrote much of his most famous plays — including the Threepenny Opera — while he shamelessly passed off the material as his own.

These attempts to explode the Brecht myth — which have political significance



John Fuegi: his 'hatchet job' biography alleges plagiarism

with Brecht seen as a Marxist icon — have already marred centenary celebrations in Berlin, where the heirs of one of the women, his secretary Elisabeth Hauptmann, are suing the publishers for a share of back-dated royalties.

If they win, they stand to gain a great deal, says Dr Fuegi: "The theft of the Threepenny Opera is a bigger heist than the great train robbery in financial terms — \$5 million would be a huge underestimate of its worth."

But yesterday his British critics were calmly dismissing the book. Leading Brecht scholar John Willett declined an invitation to attend the Albert Hall evening — pointing out

by a not terribly well wielded hatchet.

Ronald Hayman — author of Brecht: A Biography — accepted the challenge to spar with Dr Fuegi but was equally dismissive of his rival's attempts to destroy the playwright's name.

"Fuegi feels a lot of animosity towards Brecht. For some reason he has given a lot of his life to promoting and popularising Brecht, but has now turned to demolish the reputation of the man he dedicated so much time to."

"The book is so bitter, so shrill, acid, venomous and vitriolic that you have the feeling when you read it that it isn't fair. Certainly Brecht was unscrupulous, but you want to hear both sides of the story," he said.

Neither academic contests the suggestion that Brecht was a collaborative writer who built up his plays, magpie-like, from a variety of sources and inspirations, but both maintain Dr Fuegi exaggerates the argument beyond recognition.

Dr Fuegi in his turn rejected their comments as the resentful snippings of jealous rivals, challenging his critics to correct any of the 2,171 footnotes to the new version. He confessed he was a little weary of the debate.

"Talking with the Brechtians is like trying to argue with parrots; there's no point because they keep repeating themselves," he said.

"There's a small and vicious group of academics who seem to want to go on seeing the world as flat."

He has an innovative method of proving the accuracy of his work: "During recent debates I have put £500 on the table and promised to hand over the money to anyone who can prove that Brecht wrote more than 20

per cent of the Threepenny Opera. No one has ever managed to do it."

Rejecting the suggestion that he has tried to demolish the writer, he explained: "It is quite clear that Brecht was stealing intellectual property on a consistent basis. I just wanted to show as accurately

as I could exactly where all the work came from."

All this might have had Bertolt Brecht turning in his grave — had he not, at his own request, been pinned down in his coffin with a stake through his heart to allay his fears of being buried alive.

## Police face charges after killing

Inquest on man shot in armed raid could be delayed until trials held

Sarah Bosseley

FIVE police officers in Sussex, three of them of senior rank, are likely to face criminal charges relating to the shooting dead of James Ashley during an armed raid in January.

At the Sussex coroner's court on Wednesday, Kent's assistant chief constable, Barbara Wilding, who is in charge of the independent inquiry into the shooting, is expected to say that the full inquest should not be held until after the criminal trials. She may also explain that her team faced difficulties in its inquiries.

Kent's officers have been

talking to the Crown Prosecution Service about possible charges for some time. On Saturday morning, Paul Whitehead, the Chief Constable for Sussex, let it be known that he was suspending four more officers.

The man who pulled the trigger, PC Chris Sherwood, a member of Sussex's Special Operations Unit, was suspended in February, a month after the incident.

The three senior suspended officers are a superintendent, an acting chief inspector, and an inspector. The other is a police constable. Any charges against these recently suspended officers are likely to relate to providing misleading information which led to

the officers, who raided Mr Ashley's flat in St Leonards, Hastings, drawing guns. Mr Ashley, aged 39, was asleep in bed with his girlfriend when police burst in to his flat at 4am on January 15. He was unarmed, and shot dead.

Later that day, Chief Inspector Whitehouse claimed Mr Ashley was wanted in connection with an attempted stabbing outside a seafood bar a week earlier. In fact, it was Mr Ashley who had pulled the assailant off his victim, preventing a murder.

Mr Whitehouse said at a press conference: "We were running simultaneously an operation to track down drug traffickers and also two men who had attempted to murder a man by stabbing him outside the Cherries Bar in Hastings on January 7. In view of the information that we had on all the people we wanted

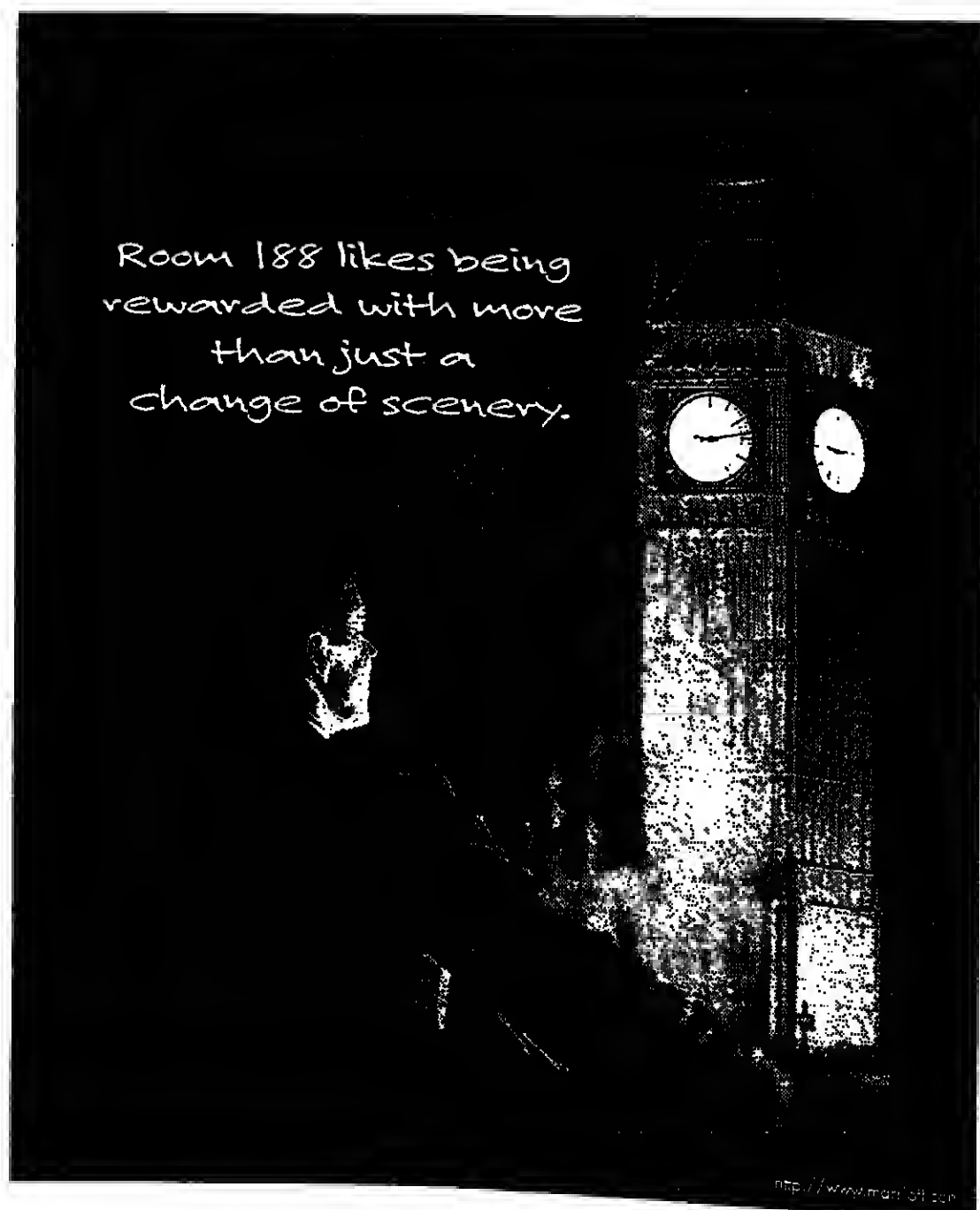
for these offences, it was decided to mount an operation. One of them in particular was thought to be armed and dangerous, and an armed operation was used to arrest him."

Mr Whitehouse said he had had no reason to suspend the officer who shot Mr Ashley. He was confident his officers would be found to have acted correctly.

Mr Ashley's family brought a complaint against the Chief Constable for allegedly trying to blacken their son's name at the press conference, but it was rejected by the Sussex police authority, which must vet allegations against top officers before going to the Police Complaints Authority.

No drugs or any significant evidence were found at Mr Ashley's flat and the three other men arrested on the night he was shot were all released without charge.

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## News in brief

## Hijackers foil

FIVE hijackers of a Pakistan Airlines plane were foiled by a team of British and Pakistani forces in a dramatic rescue operation in the Indian Ocean.

The hijackers, who were armed, were taken into custody by British and Pakistani forces. The plane was released and returned to its destination.

The rescue operation was a joint effort between British and Pakistani forces. The hijackers were taken to a safe location and are being held for further investigation.

The plane was a Pakistan Airlines aircraft. It was hijacked on its way to a destination in the Indian Ocean.

The hijackers were armed with firearms. They threatened the crew and passengers of the plane.

The British and Pakistani forces acted quickly to rescue the plane. They located the plane in the Indian Ocean and boarded it.

The hijackers were taken into custody. They are being held for further investigation.

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The Mamas and the Papas, whose hit record California Dreaming came to represent the heady years of the 1960s

Nowhere was Sixties optimism more real than in America's golden state. But hedonism has given way to despair, epitomised by a decline in the state's once world-class education system. **Martin Kettle** in San Francisco tells what went wrong in the 'society of the future'



A demonstrator stands his ground against a line of National Guardsmen during the battle of 'People's Park' in May 1969, when 2,000 students tried to stop shopping in the centre of Berkeley. An onlooker was shot dead by the army

# End of the California dream

**T**HE figures released on Wednesday tell the story more clearly than any words. Last year 1,063 black American students planned to enrol at the University of California's two most prestigious campuses at Berkeley and Los Angeles; this year the number is 526. The number of Latino students enrolling has fallen from 2,769 last year to 1,645. Everyone knows why. Two years ago Californians voted for Proposition 209. It prohibits race- and gender-based preferences for, or discrimination against, individuals or groups in the state's education, contracting and employment policies. The state voted against affirmative action in 1996, and this week's university figures are the result.

On June 2 Californians will again vote in primaries and on new ballot initiatives. One, known as Proposition 227, requires all state schools to teach only in English and



Berkeley College in California, once a byword for protest, where entrants of ethnic background are on the decline

## 'Berserkley' comes to terms with radical past

**I**F ANY place embodies California's liberal era it is Berkeley, writes **Martin Kettle**. In the 1960s the then state governor, Ronald Reagan, called it Berserkley as he sent in the troops to quell rioting students, and you can still buy a poster showing the world's three remaining socialist bastions - Cuba, North Korea and Berkeley. Berkeley is mellow now. Yet for many Americans the University of California at Berkeley is synonymous with the 1960s protest era. So much so that the university has spent the past 30 years trying unsuccessfully to shake off the rebellious image.

Last month, however, Berkeley embraced its celebrity by agreeing to commemorate the radical Free Speech Movement of the 1960s, which campaigned against college funding by companies involved in the Vietnam war. The price was a \$3.5 million (£2.4 million) gift from a one-time Berkeley student radical, Stephen Silberman.

Berkeley will now set up a book fund in the name of the movement's leader, Mario Savio, whom the university expelled in 1964. It will also place its protest archives on the Internet and build a Free Speech Movement cafe, complete with rotating exhibits.

Mr Silberman, who owns a software company, wants Berkeley students to understand the ideals of those times, "which had a tremendous effect on me and on every student on campus".

Although he did not take part in the mass sit-ins, or the battle over the 'People's Park' in which an onlooker was shot dead by troops, Mr Silberman says: "Mario Savio and the leaders of the Free Speech Movement symbolise the very best of Berkeley."

Berkeley has resisted commemorating the Sixties. It took years for artists to win permission to install in the university grounds a site-wide circle of granite dedicated to free speech. Even then the university insisted that the words Free Speech Movement did not appear.

It took Savio's death from a heart attack in 1996 to start the change of mind. Savio, who once said: "There's a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part" - is commemorated by a small plaque.

Berkeley's change of heart reflects the retirement of its most vociferous opponents of student protest. But Dan Mote, the vice-chancellor in charge of fundraising, admits that Mr Silberman's proposal stirred much agonising.

"Time heals all wounds," Mr Mote said last month. "The real important point is not to focus on incidents but on the underlying principles."

"If you do that, the Free Speech Movement was very soundly positioned. That has become clear in time."



Mario Savio: Rebel being rehabilitated by university



Governor Wilson: Backs teaching in English only

restricts the transitional period of bilingual education for the state's 1.5 million Spanish-speaking pupils to one year.

Proposition 227 seems likely to be carried. Heavily supported by whites and Asians, it divides Latinos almost evenly. The state's most famous Latino educationist, the Los Angeles maths teacher Jaime Escalante is in favour of it. So, to the dismay of some of the initiative organisers, is California's Republican governor Pete Wilson. But all four candidates to succeed him, Republican and Democrat, oppose 227, as do the teaching unions.

Neither 1996's vote on affirmative action nor the next month's vote on bilingualism has produced a precise liberal-conservative split. Some liberals, as well as some blacks, have qualms about the way affirmative action is working in Californian higher education. Many liberals, and a lot of Latinos, also favour a tighter programme of English tuition.

But the combination of

As the population has changed, the willingness of the voters to support the state's services has declined. The Proposition 13 tax revolt of 1978 was an epochal moment in late-20th century politics, resonating far beyond California. In the state itself, however, public assets began to suffer neglect from this point.

After Proposition 13, the income of California's cities, counties and schools was reduced by as much as 53 per cent. This success encouraged a series of propositions. Compared with nine propositions in the 1960s, Californians have voted on 49 in the 1990s, with more to come. Ballot initiatives have been used to cut

taxes, limit budgets, restrict school spending discretion, bring in tougher sentencing laws, and affirmative action and ban immigrants from using public services.

California's schools are now among the country's worst funded and least successful. Twenty years ago California was around 10 per cent above the national average in spending per pupil; today it is about 20 per cent below the average.

Higher education was systematically expanded in the post-war era. Yet in the past 20 years that expansion has slowed even though the state's population has doubled. Since Proposition 13,

California has built no new university campus, but it has 20 new prisons.

Government by ballot initiative is now the defining characteristic of Californian politics. The initiatives have become a weapon of resistance in the hands of California's steadily declining proportion of white voters.

"It's not explicitly racial," says Mr Schrag "but it has a racial theme."

For many, the Californian dream of plenty for all has become a nightmare of unquenchable demands by the immigrant poor. The question is whether where California leads, the rest of the United States will again follow.

### News in brief

#### Hijackers forced to land

**F**IVE men hijacked a Pakistan International Airlines plane with 38 people on board yesterday, demanding to go to India, but a Pakistani jet intercepted the plane, airport and government officials said.

The jet took off shortly after the hijacking and forced the Fokker Friendship propeller aircraft down in Hyderabad, about 90 miles from Karachi, the officials said. It was originally said that the aircraft landed because it was running out of fuel.

Last night negotiators were talking to the hijackers who, with the passengers, were

#### Mafia attacks landslide relief

**F**EARS that the land slides south of Naples could offer lucrative openings to organised crime surfaced at the weekend after shots were fired at a lorry removing mud from the stricken area, writes **John Hooper** in Rome.

#### Miners lift train blockade

**S**TRIKING coal miners along the vital Trans-Siberian railway yesterday after government officials promised to pay back wages and help them find new jobs.

#### Sudan frees Ugandans

Sudan has released two Ugandan prisoners of war, a week after Uganda released 42 of 114 Sudanese POWs, writes **Anna Borzello** in Kampala.

They were captured last year in an attack on the Ugandan rebel Lord's Resistance Army bases in South Sudan.

#### Bolivian quake

The Bolivian government said 67 people died and 40 more were feared buried under rubble after an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale shook central Bolivia on Friday. After-shocks rocked the region yesterday. AP.

#### Egyptian hangings

Two brothers convicted of killing nine German tourists and their Egyptian driver outside the Egyptian Museum were hanged yesterday inside a prison, police said. — AP.

#### China taxes rich

Inheritance taxes will soon be imposed in China in an attempt to reduce the gap between rich and poor, the Business Weekly said yesterday. It will be limited initially to those on high incomes. — AP.

#### Lesotho polls

The ruling Lesotho Congress for Democracy has won a general election in the tiny southern African kingdom, officials said yesterday. The LCD won

#### Lebanese polls

Lebanese voted yesterday in the first local elections in 35 years. Troops were deployed to guard the voters, which included headline Christian and Muslim groups. — Reuters.

#### Sri Lanka war

Fierce battles between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels in eastern and northern Sri Lanka killed at least 43 people, state radio said yesterday. — Reuters.

#### Veterans brawl

Disabled veterans of Liberia's eight-year civil war fought with bodyguards of President Charles Taylor, witnesses said

#### Taliban order

Afghanistan's Taliban Islamic movement said yesterday it had punished 600 people in Kabul in the past two days for cutting their beards and for not wearing the Islamic veil, the Voice of Shariat radio said. — Reuters.

#### Rhinos survive

The threatened northern white rhinoceros has survived last year's civil war in Congo, the World Wide Fund for Nature said in Nairobi yesterday. At least 24 rhinos were found in the area. — AP.





Emily Lau (above), Martin Lee (below) and Christine Loh (pictured in posters right) are all at the forefront of the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement and were expected to make a comeback in the former colony's legislative polls yesterday. Many democrats lost their seats last year when Beijing reorganised the elected assembly after the handover.



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## Democrats triumph in HK poll

Andrew Higgins  
in Hong Kong

**P**RO-DEMOCRACY politicians look set for a robust return to Hong Kong's legislature after a record turnout yesterday for elections hailed as the first step towards democracy in the rest of China.

The former colony defied a reputation for political apathy and stunned pundits with a turnout of 58 per cent — well above the 35.3 per cent that voted in 1995.

The high turnout was all the more remarkable given the fierce storms that flooded seven polling stations and sent villagers in the New Territories scrambling out to rooftops to be winched clear by helicopters. Only 20 of 60 seats in the legislative council are directly elected. Exit polls

last night gave 14 to democracy activists.

Among the likely winners are Martin Lee and Szeto Wah, leaders of the Democratic Party and both stigmatised as "subversives" by Beijing for their support of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. Emily Lau and Christine Loh were also expected to win seats.

Along with other democrats they lost their seats when China replaced the assembly with an appointed body after last year's handover. Exit polls pointed to defeat for the leader of the main pro-China party, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB), the schoolmaster Tsang Yok-sing.

China's favourites, including the head of the appointed provisional legislature, Rita Fan, known in the local press as "Madame Mao", will continue to dominate thanks to a

system that allows a tiny minority of the population to choose three quarters of the seats. So-called "functional constituencies" representing accountants, lawyers, sports figures and other professional groups elect half of the legislature. The other 10 are chosen by an electoral college.

With so many seats chosen

**'The message is loud and clear: the people of Hong Kong want democracy'**

by so few — a system developed by colonial administrators as reluctant to share their power as China's mandarins — the most significant result may be the turnout of 1.48 million voters.

Mr Lee said: "The message to me is loud and clear: people in Hong Kong want and deserve democracy. I think it

would be in the interest of Chinese leaders in Beijing to take heed of that strong message.

"This is the first step forward for my country, China, towards democracy. It is a small step but let it be a significant step for all of us."

Tung Chee-hwa, the ship-

ping tycoon selected by Bei-

jing to run the territory after

Britain's departure, said:

"This is a tremendous turn-

out. This is a tremendous

achievement."

But he ruled out any accel-

eration in Hong Kong's pro-

gress towards democracy as

scripted by the Basic Law, the

Beijing-drafted constitution.

The turnout, he said,

reflected faith in "one country, two systems", the formula con-

coined by China's late leader

Deng Xiaoping to end colonial

rule but not capitalism.

The Hong Kong government

spent around HK\$4.5 billion

(\$59 million) to organise the

election, the same spent on

the handover. The sum, Ming

Pao newspaper told readers

yesterday, could buy every

resident 22 hamburgers.

The legislative council has

little real power, but yester-

day's election marks the first

time since the 1995 revolution

that the Communist Party has

allowed free and fair elections

in any part of its territory.

When Hong Kong last went to

the polls in the 1995, China

dismissed the ballot as an act

of British perfidy and urged

voters to stay away. But with

Hong Kong now under Chi-

nese rule, Beijing has had to

applaud a process it rejects

for the rest of the country.

China's main propaganda

organ in Hong Kong, the daily

newspaper Wen Wei Po, yester-

day joined other media in

urging residents to vote.

"Cast a Sacred Ballot", read

an editorial in a paper previ-

ously in the van of attacks on

the British governor Chris

Patten's democratic reforms.

The New China News Agency,

whose only contribution to the

1995 election was a threat-

ening statement telling voters

to stay at home, yesterday

joined in with gusto. It

scored even the Hong Kong

government with the turnout

figures.

Human rights groups in-

ited election monitors from

Europe and Asia but the au-

thorities refused them access

to polling stations. Pierre

Pradier, an observer from the

European Union, said the

rejection of outside monitor-

ing suggested "no confidence

in their own democracy".

## EU draws fire for 'Arab bias'

Martin Walker in Brussels

**F**OR the first time, European Union foreign ministers are being subjected to a professional pro-Israeli lobby, American-style, as the new Brussels office of B'nai B'rith takes up the cudgels on behalf of exports to Europe from the West Bank and other occupied territories.

The EU plans to stop giving the usual market access to goods labelled as coming from Israel originating in the occupied territories. The decision is part of a wider plan to increase the economic viability of the regions run by the Palestinian Authority.

"This is another attempt by the EU to throw its weight around unfairly in the Middle East," Tommy Bear, the international president of B'nai B'rith, said. "The EU wants a place at the negotiating table but is prejudging the outcome of the peace talks by this measure."

The issue, sharpened by EU allegations of "widespread and persistent fraud" in the export of Israeli oranges to Europe, will be put to the vote today, when the 15 foreign ministers meet for the regular Council of Ministers session.

B'nai B'rith, one of the leading lobby groups for the Jewish community and the Israeli cause in the United States, with long experience of influencing US policy, decided this year that Europe was sufficiently influential in the Middle East — and one-sided

towards the Arab cause — to be worth lobbying. Its impact in Europe, where national Jewish communities are far less organised and vocal than in the US, remains to be seen.

EU foreign ministers will grapple yet again with the shimmering row with Turkey. Britain's Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, also flies into a new row with France, and probably into accusations of British hypocrisy after the latest arms shipments to Indonesia, as the ministers attempt to hammer out a new EU code of conduct for arms exports.

On the key issue of transparency, including the notification of all other EU members of pending arms sales and the publication of an annual detailed survey of EU arms exports, the British draft has the support of 14 EU member states, with only France objecting.

The strength of the human rights criterion in granting an arms export licence is the main principle at issue. The draft offers a choice. There is a soft requirement for "particular caution on a case-by-case basis", while taking into account serious human rights violations reported by the EU or the United Nations.

The tougher provision, which needs no institutional authority to buttress claims of human rights abuses, calls on EU members "to abstain from or show restraint" in exporting arms to countries "if there are widespread and serious violations of human rights".

## Kurds learn to lean on the remote control

Rebels have found a useful weapon in satellite television, Chris Morris in Diyarbakir writes

**A**T SEVEN o'clock every evening, Turkish and Arab families gather round the television set in their small high-rise flat. Thanks to a fuzzy satellite signal they watch the news in their own language, Kurdish.

It is illegal, but they don't seem to mind. Nor do their neighbours, who are watching the same programme next door. Technology has opened a new front line in the long-running war in south-eastern Turkey.

It would be very bad for the Kurds if Med-TV had not started, said Turkan. "We understand their programmes, and we like the news. They tell the truth."

Med-TV is a Kurdish-language satellite channel which broadcasts from London in open support of the violent Kurdish rebel group, the PKK. The Turkish government still bans all broadcast in Kurdish, and it wants the British government to close the station down.

"I think it's the most significant thing the PKK has achieved in the last few years," said a journalist in Diyarbakir. "A lot of people who don't approve of their methods still watch Med-TV. It proves that Kurdish nationalism is alive and well."

At first, say local residents, the police paid children to steal parts of new satellite dishes. Now they have given up the fight, and satellite dishes are on every rooftop.

That means the PKK and its elusive leader, Abdullah Ocalan, who is based in Syria, can get their message across to thousands of people every day. They no longer have to carry their fight physically into Kurdish-majority cities like Diyarbakir, where the army has restored state control.

The real war has moved further away, to the mountains in the south-east.

The army says it has the PKK on the run. This year it launched one of its biggest operations ever, involving up to 50,000 troops backed by fighter jets and helicopter gunships. For the past few weeks they have combed the mountains north of Diyarbakir, hunting down what they call the remnants of the PKK.

"The terrorists aren't able to operate in our region now," General Nihat Senogul told a group of journalists flown in to a hillside encampment. "That's because of the effectiveness of our military campaign."

Boostered by better weapons and a greater understanding of the terrain, the army is confidently predicting the PKK's demise.

There is no doubt that the PKK has lost ground to the army in the past few years, but the price has been terribly high — thousands of people killed, thousands of villages forcibly evacuated and human rights trampled underfoot. Nevertheless, the Turkish state is once again proclaiming a new dawn in the south-east.

"Things are going very well here," enthused Hakkı Uzun, the deputy governor of six districts which are ruled under a state of emergency. "Diyarbakir is a normal city again."

On one level that is true, certainly compared with a few years ago, when the city was under siege. Now families head out to the edge of town for evening picnics, and a tourist bus on a city street raises few eyebrows.

But the underlying causes of the conflict remain. Many Kurds still want greater recognition of their cultural identity, the right to educate their children in their own language, and a measure of political autonomy.

"They say they've won, but who have they beaten?" asked an official of the Kurdish political party, HADEP. "It's just propaganda. The Kurds are still here and nothing much has changed."

Undaunted, the army insists that it now wants to win local hearts and minds. It will have to compete with the message coming out of the sky.

## Rights activist identifies hitmen



**T**URKEY'S leading human rights campaigner, Akin Birdal (pictured above in his hospital bed), identified two men yesterday as the gunmen who shot and seriously wounded him earlier this month.

The police brought the accused to Akin Birdal in hospital where he identified them, a Human Rights Association official, Meral Bekar, said. "Then they came here and our personnel also identified them."

Two men walked past staff at the association's office in central Ankara on May 12, shot Mr Birdal six times in his chest and legs, then fled. — Reuters.

## Habibie bows to cabinet revolt

Nick Cunningham-Bruce  
in Jakarta

**I**N AN effort to check a widening revolt by his new cabinet ministers, the Indonesian president, B. J. Habibie, is expected to announce that he will call a general election within a year.

The opposition leader, Anwar Rais, said yesterday that he understood Mr Habibie would make an announcement in the next few days about holding the early elections.

The rebellion in the "reform cabinet" gained momentum yesterday when five economic affairs ministers, sworn in on Saturday, allied themselves with the respected economic policy co-ordinator, Ginandjar Kartasasmita, on Saturday that some new ministers never intended to serve out their five-year terms, insisting that the president should seek a new mandate through elections as soon as possible.

"Economic recovery cannot be achieved without a conducive political climate," warned Mr Ginandjar, who is in charge of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.

Meanwhile, political prisoners are expected to walk free from the Suharto-era gulag of Jakarta's Cipinang prison today, in the first visible attempt by the four-day-old president to step out from his predecessor's shadow.

The leader of Indonesia's only independent labour union, Mochtar Pakpahan, and the prominent Suharto critic Sri Bintang Purnamasari are expected to be among the first prisoners freed in a symbolic gesture intended to persuade the country that Mr Habibie means business on reform.

Mr Rais said Mr Habibie had told him on Saturday that he would make the announcement today "and the two will be set free."

"The attorney-general has made the proposal and the justice minister said he will do it," Dewi Fortuna Anwar, a close adviser to Mr Habibie, confirmed. Military chiefs have already agreed to the release of these detainees, she said, but not to the release of the East Timorese resistance

leader, Xanana Gusmao, or those jailed for alleged communist activities.

Mr Pakpahan's family said last night they had received no official notice of his release but would visit the jail today. Mr Pakpahan has served most of a four-year sentence for inciting riots.

Mr Purnamasari, jailed for 34 months for a speech to students in Germany attacking Mr Suharto, demanded yesterday they be freed uncondi-

tionally, not under an am-

nesty. In a statement read to

journalists admitted into Ci-

pinang jail yesterday, he said

the two men would refuse am-

nesty "as freedom is really

our right".

The release of political pris-

oners is one of the simpler

gestures open to the new

regime to try to dispel scepti-

cism about serious reform

under Mr Habibie, a long-

standing protégé and intimate

of Mr Suharto, and widely

identified with the corruption

and nepotism of his 32-year

regime.

Building confidence in the

openness of the regime, the

government has promised to

publish in full a report, due

today from the military, on

the shooting of six student

demonstrators at Jakarta uni-

versity last week, which ig-

nitened the wave of rioting.

Mr Habibie has also prom-

ised a revision of the law on

subversion and is expected to

take early action to end laws

restricting press freedom.

But Mr Habibie disap-

pointed many by including

Suharto-era faces in his cabi-

net. Critics have also been

quick to note his failure to

commit himself to any spe-

cific reforms or any timetable

for implementing them.

The omission had rein-

forced the suspicion that he

hopes to hang on to power for

the full duration of Mr Suhar-

to's five-year mandate, which

was to end in 2003.

Mr Habibie's camp is aware

that political stability hangs

partly on the government's

ability to halt the country's

economic collapse.

"If we continue like this, we

can have changes of govern-

ment every six months," one

presidential adviser warned,

echoing the argument Mr Su-

harto advanced only a week

ago in an 11th-hour attempt to

justify clinging to power.

After the military's clear-

ing out of students from parli-

ament on Friday night, Mr Ha-

bibie at least hopes for some

respite from student protests

and an opportunity to set out

a programme of reforms that

will buy more time.

"They know that their sur-

vival is on a day-by-day basis

and they need to get down to

business fast," the adviser,

Ms Anwar, said.

The other priority is per-

suading the IMF to resume

disbursements of funds to In-

donesia under the \$40 billion

(\$25 billion) bail-out agree-

ment — a prerequisite for per-

suading other potential lend-

ers and investors to stump up

credit or capital desperately

needed to revive a largely

paralysed financial system.

"This is not just for the

future of the government,"

Ms Anwar said. "When

people suffer they loot and

they rampage."

## 'I'll never forgive them for what they put me through'

A man jailed for 12 years in Israel's south Lebanon zone talks in Beirut to David Sharrock

**H**ASSAN had no warning of his release.

After 12 years of imprisonment without trial at Al-Hilwan jail in south Lebanon, he was suddenly free to go. He feels guilty about the 160 inmates left behind.

Visitors to Al-Khiam, in Israel's 9-mile-wide "security zone", are rare. For 10 years the International Committee of the Red Cross was denied access, as were relatives.

In 1995 the ban was lifted and limited access allowed. But last September, when 12 Israeli soldiers were killed in a Hizbullah ambush in Lebanon, the shutters came down again.

Hassan is the first person in nine months to bring news from Al-Khiam.

Sitting up in bed in a Beirut hospital, he told me he lived for 12 years in a cell measuring 8ft by 30ft with 11 other prisoners — all detained without trial.

"I was first put in a room only 90 centimetres square [3ft by 3ft] and kept there for two months. I was tortured for months. Once I was kept



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Judgment day... Taylor opens the American case against Farber officials at a Nazi war crimes trial in September 1947

Telford Taylor

## War and justice

PROFESSOR Telford Taylor, who has died at the age of 90, played a key role in establishing the principle that national leaders could face international legal retribution for their actions.

As deputy to Justice Robert Jackson, who headed the American prosecution team at the 1945 Nuremberg International Military Tribunal, Taylor helped establish the concept that international law could be invoked against anyone who waged aggressive war or committed crimes against humanity. The groundwork he laid down in the cases against the Nazi leadership underpins the indictment for those involved in recent Balkan atrocities.

The irony of Telford's position when he was recruited to the Nuremberg team was that, as a liberal-minded lawyer, he found himself arguing the case espoused by the dictator who represented everything he most bitterly opposed, Joseph Stalin.

In 1944, Churchill and Roosevelt had drawn up a list of the Nazi leaders they wanted summarily executed after the war, including Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and Himmler. Stalin strenuously fought the plan, arguing that such precipitate action would make the rest of the world think the Allies were afraid of a trial. His point was taken up by the American team at the London conference which preceded the trial.

The wheeling and dealing that went on behind the scenes when the Nuremberg sentences came to be imposed on the 22 defendants — 19 were convicted, Goering committed suicide and Martin Bormann was convicted *in absentia* — has been well documented, not least in the diaries of the chief American judge, Francis Biddle.

As one example, Biddle initially sided with his Soviet colleague in proposing the death sentence for Albert Speer; the British and French judges refused to consider more than 10 years' imprisonment. The panel postponed its decision overnight and, in the morning, Biddle broke the deadlock by suggesting 20 years' imprisonment to his Western colleagues. They settled for that and voted 3-1 against the Russian.

In spite of such evident flaws, and the repeated accusation that the Nuremberg procedure amounted to no more than "victors' justice", Taylor argued strongly in a book published in 1992, *The Anatomy of the Nuremberg Trials: A Personal Memoir*, that it had established a much-needed precedent and had "set forth with conspicuous clarity the ideas and motives which moved these defendants to treat their fellow men as less than beasts".

But he also argued that legal scrutiny should not be confined to the actions of the Nazis. "The laws of war do not only apply to the suspected criminals of vanquished nations. There is no moral or legal basis for immun-

ising victorious nations from scrutiny". It was in this rigorous legal spirit that Taylor became embroiled in a variety of causes that were deeply unpopular among his countrymen. He was the first senior military officer to speak out against the excesses of Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist witch-bunt in the 1950s and wrote a book giving a detailed analysis of the senator's dubious methods.

He also became a sharp critic of the Vietnam war, writing another book to set out his case for an American withdrawal. But his concern for the rule of law did not only come from the left: one of his least popular causes was to argue for the right of neo-Nazis to march through a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood — a stance he combined with efforts to obtain the release of Jewish prisoners held in the Soviet Union.

Taylor was born in 1908 in Schenectady, New York, the son of a physicist at the General Electric Company. After graduation from Harvard law school in 1932, he went to Washington to work for the newly-elected Roosevelt administration.

When embarking on the mass of federal legislation involved in the New Deal, he also worked at times for the US Senate. Shortly after America's entry into the second world war, he joined the army and was quickly assigned to its intelligence service.

When Churchill decided to share with the Americans the fact that Britain had managed to crack many of Germany's machine-generated ciphers, Taylor was transferred to work with the Ultra codebreakers at Bletchley Park as head of an American team.

His postwar assignment to the prosecution team at Nuremberg came at the specific request of Justice Jackson and, once the main trial had run its 12-month course, Taylor was promoted to brigadier-general and made chief American prosecutor for the 200 further cases brought against lower-level Nazis.

In opening the case against some of the industrialists who had supported Hitler, he laid out the principle which he stressed throughout the remaining cases. "The crimes of these men were not committed in rage, nor under the stress of sudden temptation," he told the tribunal. "One does not build a stupendous war machine in a fit of passion, nor an Auschwitz slave factory during a passing spasm of brutality."

On his return to the US in 1949 he joined a private law practice. In later life, he turned to teaching, as a professor emeritus at Columbia University School of Law and as a visiting professor at the law schools of Harvard and Yale universities.

Harold Jackson

Telford Taylor, lawyer, born 1908; died May 23, 1998

Robert Powell, who has died at the age of 88, spanned two eras of cultural and educational life. His own formative period as a schoolmaster was before the second world war — he joined the staff at Charterhouse in 1935. But when he returned from five years in the Army, in which he reached the rank of major, he was in his mid-thirties and no longer one of the bright young things of the Charterhouse staff.

Four years later, Sherborne chose him as their head; and by the time of his retirement the whole culture of the country, not least in boarding schools, had changed fundamentally. Powell must have given the major credit for enabling Sherborne to change positively and to assume a new character.

Powell — always known as Bob — was born in Porlock, Somerset. Education at Bristol grammar school saw him into Christ Church, Oxford, and on to a first in Classical Mods and a good second in Greats. There he also played

hockey well and pursued his love of music. With teaching on both sides of his family, it was likely that he would enter this profession, and he joined Charterhouse at the same time as the new head, Robert Birley, teaching classics and English. His marriage to Charity Collard brought him a wife who would be a support for the rest of his life.

When Powell went to Sherborne in 1950 to succeed the huge and formidable Ross Wallace, the country was only starting to recover from the war and attitudes remained generally pre-war. Sherborne

had academic competence, but its image was formed more by sporting prowess and country pursuits. Gradually Powell changed that, so that a decade into his headship, the school was an academic force to be reckoned with — 1959, for instance, brought no fewer than 21 awards at Oxford and Cambridge, an astonishing achievement.

While he continued some classical teaching, and loved the classics deeply, he was a patient enough to see that any school of the 1960s and 1970s must produce a flow of good scientists alongside the arts men. New laboratories (a takeover of the school armoury) and science buildings appeared. There were also gradual easings of the previously strict codes of dress and privileges.

At times in the 1960s, Powell banked after the more predictable and controlled behaviour of before the war, and his patience was tried to the limits. But he maintained a good impetus through two decades, and left a school markedly more impressive in all-round achievement than he had found. He was not a true visionary, but he had

powers of analysis and insight which told him what was required by the times. Beneath an appearance that could be at times crusty as well as jovial, Powell had great depths of humanity and kindness. He could be full of himself, but he was equally filled with a true concern for others and a compassion for those in distress. He was a greatly cultured man with a fine mind, taking special delight in the beautifully turned nuances of Horace and the conceits of the English metaphysical poets. He was a skilful fisherman and no mean musician.

It was typical of him that in retirement he taught Classics and English for 14 years to the girls of Handford School in Child Okeford, Dorset, the place of his retirement. No doubt they discovered the truth of what a boy at Charterhouse said of him: "He was the first person there to treat me as a human being." That could stand as his memorial.

Richard Byrne

Robert William Powell, headmaster, born October 29, 1908; died April 23, 1998

Birthdays

Kim Batley, racehorse trainer, 45; Alastair Campbell, prime minister's press secretary, 41; Julian Clary, comedian, 38; Barry Cox, former director, ITV Association, 55; Prof. Marianne Elliott, historian, 50; Margaret Forster, writer, 67; Livia Golancz, publisher, 78; David Jenkins, athlete, 46; Sir Ian McKellen, actor, 55; Geoffrey Robinson, MP, Paymaster-General, 60; Beverley Sills, soprano, 89; Dave Lee Travis, disc jockey, 53; Anthea Turner, broadcaster, 37; David Wynne, sculptor, 72

John Derek

## Making it in Hollywood

ANYONE who had been married to the French starlet Paul Behrs, and the film actress Ursula Andress, Linda Evans and Bo Derek must have had something going for him. Even when he was bearded and greying, John Derek, who has died after open heart surgery aged 71, was still attractive to women.

In the 1950s, he was the dashing handsome, dark-haired young hero of adventure films, rated by his teenage female fans as a 10 on the scale of male beauty. He was Robin Hood in *Rogues of Sherwood Forest* (1950); disguised as the Count of Monte Cristo in *Mask of the Avenger* (1951); rescued a sheik's daughter in *The Adventures of Hajji Baba* (1954) and assisted the Persian poet Omar Khayyam (1957) to overcome his enemies. Derek was also a football idol who put education first in *Saturday's Hero* (1951) and a boxing prize in *The Leather Saint* (1956), who put his opponents to sleep with his Sunday punch quicker than his sermons.

Conveniently born in Hollywood, John Derek was the son of the writer-director Lawson Harris and the minor actress Dolores Johnson. They helped him to get a contract with David O. Selznick when he was 17, but he had only two walk-on parts in *Since You Went Away* (1944) and *I'll Be Seeing You* (1945) before being called up for war service.

On his return, he landed a contract with Columbia Pictures, immediately making an impact as a boy from the slums on trial for murder in Nicholas Ray's *Knock On Any Door* (1949). It was more of a showcase for Derek, and a plea to improve social conditions, than a vehicle for its

nominal star Humphrey Bogart as the lawyer who defends him. Apart from his swashbuckling, Derek had a couple of good roles as the unethical Broderick Crawford's ethical protégé in Robert Rossen's *All The King's Men* (1949) and Phil Karlson's *Scandal Sheet* (1952), as well as playing a complex cowboy in *The Outcast* (1954) and James Cagney's riding companion in Ray's *Run For Cover* in 1955.

After crossing the wilderness as Joshua in Cecil B De Mille's *The Ten Commandments* (1956) and fighting to establish the state of Israel in Otto Preminger's *Exodus* (1960), Derek decided to take up still photography out of which he made a good living. Then, with commendable ambition, he ventured into production, sometimes directing, writing and photographing his own films.

He co-produced and appeared with his then wife Ursula Andress in a B-thriller *Nightmare in the Sun* (1965) and directed her in *Once Before I Die* (1966) as the only woman among a group of American soldiers fighting Japs in the Philippines. In the early 1970s the marriage collapsed because of his wife's affair with Jean-Paul Belmondo.

In 1974 he married the 18-year-old Bo (Mary Cathleen Collins), 29 years his junior, becoming not only her husband but her manager and, at least in his own mind, her Pygmalion. Thus, apart from a tiny role in *Orca... Killer Whale* in 1977, he refused script after script being written by his young wife's talents. The play worked; her appearance as Dudley Moore's ideal woman in *Ten* (1979) made her name (and figure).

Internationally known and, for a few months, her fame far outdid his.

John Derek himself directed and photographed Bo in the ludicrous *Tarzan of the Apes* in 1982 — the publicity line being "the most exciting pair in the jungle" — in which she dominated as a slumping, scantily-clad Jane. He did the same for her in *Boyz n the City* (1984), in which Bo had such lines as "Is there anything I can do for you so you can give ecstasy to me?"

This was followed by another bomb, produced by Bo and directed by John, *Ghosts Can't Do It* (1990) involving her search for the perfect male body to house the spirit of her dead husband. These

movies proved she was no better actress than her husband was a director, and her career, which consisted of little more than looking ravishing in various stages of déshabillé, dipped almost to non-existence as she passed 30 — just as he had seen his film career wane when he lost his pretty boy looks in the early 1960s.

There is no doubt that film fans would rather remember John Derek as a sex symbol rather than a creator of one.

Ronald Bergan

John Derek (né Derek Harris), film actor, producer, director, born August 12, 1926; died May 22, 1998



Tinsel townies... John Derek and his fourth wife Bo

### A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Dunderdale was at its loveliest — the woodlands crowding the dale with colour, the Duddon a necklace of glorious pools, the intake fields speckled with sheep and lambs, and the high fells blue-grey shapes against the light blue of the sky, soaring up all round us. Not having been on this side of Harter Fell for some time, we went up through the forest from Birks Bridge and lanes, and how the scenery had been

changed. Considerable felling of the forest had taken place and the fell, in places, reminded me of the scene in the 1930s before the extensive afforestation of the area began. In those days, as young climbers, we used to try to make more or less continuous rock routes to the summit by linking up climbs on the crags scattered about the fellside. And now, for the first time for many years, you could again attempt the same sort of thing, for the scattered

crags, hidden in the conifer blanket since before the war, are standing clear on the fellside. There was nobody else about — we seemed to have the whole mountain to ourselves all day — but there was one interesting encounter just after the start. This was a handsome adder, nearly two feet long, with prominent zig-zag stripes, shooting out its tongue with great vigour on our approach. It was slithering across the stone track into the woods but courte-

ously paused long enough for us to take a close-up photograph. Hardknott Forest is one of the very few modern plantations in the Lake District that is not a serious intrusion. I have known it throughout its lifetime and have always admired the way the foresters have avoided regimentation and 'tried' to plant hardwoods among the spruce and pines. As a result, Harter Fell is still a beautiful mountain.

A HARRY GRIFFIN

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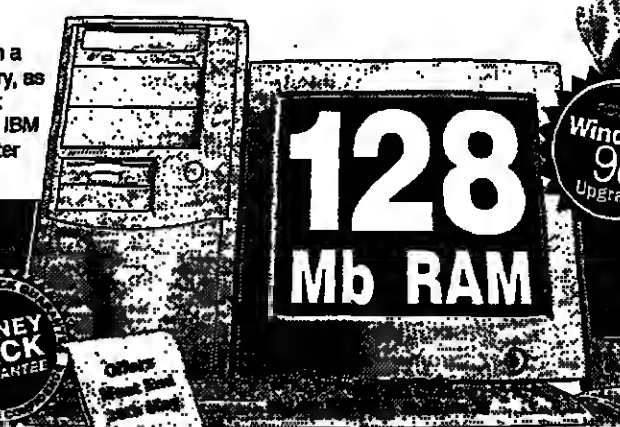
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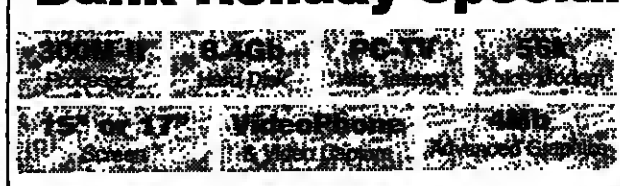
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### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

A LETTER, Page 21, May 21, said that thousands, rather than hundreds of thousands, of Caribbean soldiers enlisted in Britain's armed services during the second world war. We would like to make it clear that this mistake was due to an editing error rather than any error in the original text by Mike Phillips and Trevor Phillips.

IN THE obituary of Sir Patrick Wall, Page 16, May 20, we referred to "Bruno Gollisch, a German Republican neo-fascist MEP". He is in fact a

French member of the neo-fascist National Front and a close aide to Le Pen.

SEVERAL readers noticed a discrepancy in the age of the voodoo undertaker/missionary Edgard Jean-Louis, between G2 Page 12, May 20, where he was 65, and Page 13, where he was 80. The press release for his appearances gives his age as 80. The author of our first piece asked him personally, through an interpreter, how old he was. The reply was, "Yes, he's 65, but exact dates are hard to

come by in Haiti." In another newspaper, his age was given as 67. There appears to be no precise answer.

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# Comment

## e-mail

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THE sales assistant was indignant. "Duelling?" she said. "Absolutely not. That's just some nonsense spread abroad to make Paraguay look bad." Around us in the Asunción department store were displays of pistols. The gun trade is a big part of Paraguay's flourishing black market.

"We sell legal guns, only to people of good conduct who have licenses," she added. "Some people buy them for personal defence — small guns."

"And not for duelling at all, then?" I asked. She gave me a disdainful glance and a reply in which the word *mentira* — Spanish for "lie" — featured repeatedly.

In the days when duelling was common, it could take a lifetime for someone in say, Basingstoke, to fall victim to a *mentira* originating in Paraguay. But now we have the Internet, an unrivalled medium for misinformation.

Try an online search combining the words "Paraguay" and "duel". Your screen will be crammed with links. You will read: "Duelling is legal in Paraguay, provided both parties are registered blood donors."

I can confirm duelling is not — never has been — legal in Paraguay, regardless of your standing at the blood bank. The penal code says so.

That doesn't mean duels don't occur. "There are two kinds of law in Paraguay," said Gloria at the museum. "The written kind and those that are applied."

In rural Paraguay, especially late on Friday nights, duels are not uncommon. Whether or not you get charged depends on who you are and whom you killed or maimed.

Among city folk, challenges are more common than duels. "The last one took place in my home town, Villa Rica," said the man who sold me a copy of the penal code.

AROUND three years ago, a general's daughter was visiting her children at her estranged husband's house when her former brother-in-law mistreated her. The general challenged the brother-in-law to a duel, but the latter wisely did not show up.

The most famous recent near-duel started the late Humberto Dominguez Dibb, once married to dictator Alfredo Stroessner's daughter. For reasons no one recalls Dominguez Dibb was challenged by a leading Stroessner enemy, Oscar Zayas. Neither was sober but Dominguez Dibb was sufficiently composed to advertise the time and place in the newspaper he owned, so ensuring the police prevented bloodshed.

"In my youth it was common to hear the phrase, 'My second will be paying you a visit,'" said historian Carlos Alberto Pusineri, aged 75, who did five years training with a foil to be on the safe side. "But no one ever got killed. And all the duels were clandestine."

Which just goes to show, as they used to say in the Spanish colonies: Don't believe all you read on the Internet.

Ulster says Yes...



## Now to introduce Northern Ireland to the delights of New Labour

Paul Bew



REJOICE, yes, over the referendum result. But let no one delude themselves that this vote signals the "end of history" on the Emerald Isle. It is still to play for. Yet the people of Ireland, north and south, have spoken.

Their message is a simple one. There will not be a settlement of the modern Irish question based on the triumph of ethnic rage — whether Protestant/Unionist or Catholic/Nationalist. The key question remains how this sophisticated historic compromise be best secured against those forces which would try to undo it.

There remain strong traditions within both Unionist and Nationalist which would prefer a different outcome. To the end of the 1970s, the Unionist community had sufficient self-confidence and strength to conceive that it might be possible to deliver a knock-out blow against Nationalism. The 1974 power-sharing executive was brought down by the Ulster workers' strike and, in 1977, an even more radical Loyalist strike, attempting to subvert direct rule itself, came close to success.

In the 1980s, it was the Nationalists who dreamed of a decisive victory. Buoyed up by Mrs Thatcher's successful imposition in 1985 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement on a bitterly-opposed Unionist population, and also by the arrival of Libyan arms, the IRA intensified the pressure. But it became clear by the early 1990s that Semtex, while significant in itself, could not deliver a military victory on its own. Hence the decision of Mr Gerry Adams to go for a peace strategy alongside John

Hume in 1992. From the start, it assumed that the traditional Republican objective of a British declaration of intent to withdraw from Ireland within the lifetime of a parliament was unattainable. But this, in itself, did not banish the spectre of ethnic triumphalism. Mr Adams became focused on a new concept: that Britain should be a persuader for Irish unity. Gradually however, Mr Adams had to abandon this notion, too. But even three months ago Sinn Féin insisted its minimum requirement for a settlement included retention of the Irish territorial claim — rejected by well over 90 per cent of the Republic's voters on Friday — and the notion that north-south co-operation should not be responsible to a Northern Irish assembly.

When the SDLP and Ulster Unionists negotiated a deal on more moderate lines on the Thursday night before the Good Friday deadline, the Sinn Féin leadership had a stark choice. Either they could go back to walking on the wild side or they could stick with the process and seek further concessions, notably early prisoner releases. Mr Adams decided to stick with the process, now underpinned by the will of the people.

Many believe and fear that the political future of Sinn Féin in the north is a bright one. It is a young and growing party and the SDLP, which at the moment has a majority of the Catholic vote, often looks tired and middle-aged. Perhaps so — but at any point of genuine difficulty during the talks process, Sinn Féin took refuge in the story of Irish historical grievances.

This double referendum, however, has changed mat-

ters. The people of the island are saying that whatever the injustices of the past might be — and they exist on both sides — this is the settlement that they want. This is a redefinition of the whole problem which is not to the advantage of those within Sinn Féin who are still attracted to a militant Republican agenda. Sinn Féin can still pursue the equality agenda in the north. But few of the Unionists who had doubts about Friday's referendum were concerned primarily about the implementation of an equality agenda.

AFTER the last major Republican split in 1970, the "Official" Republicans were able to tap into what was then still a lively socialist political culture; it remains to be seen if Sinn Féin can find anything quite so substantial as a means of relating to the modern world. The fear is that they will not, and then revert to type: it is hard, despite the existence of conflicting signals, to see a return to armed struggle. But the ability to manipulate sectarian tension remains. When the marching season comes, Sinn Féin will have plenty of opportunity. What about Sinn Féin's chief antagonist, David Trimble? Trimble is determined that the devolved Northern Ireland assembly should play a full part in Tony Blair's project of constitutional reform throughout the United Kingdom. The old Stormont was a

rather isolated backwater dominated by a "good old boy" culture; the new Northern Ireland assembly, built on cross-community co-operation, is part of a UK-wide project to democratise the structures of this multi-national state. The Yes vote gives Trimble the initiative, but the internal struggle in Unionism is not over.

It is still possible the Unionist community will return a

wrecking majority to the new assembly. The Irish government is so relieved by Sinn Féin's acceptance of the agreement — which has in fact been rather more complete than expected — that it inclines to gestures, notably on prisoner releases, which tend to destabilise Unionist opinion.

As a counterbalance, the prime minister has had to reassure ordinary citizens that the day of private armies in politics is over. He has been maintaining the pressure on this point and was rewarded this week when Michael McLaughlin of Sinn Féin hinted that decommissioning would, indeed, occur. Many fear the agreement will merely entrench communalism — and it has to be accepted that some of its provisions point in this direction. But the more vital that democratic rules are upheld, in such a context, Blair must still give Northern Ireland his full attention and he might as a gesture, as part of his contribution to the new politics of the province, think about the principle of conceding Labour Party membership to the citizens of Northern Ireland.

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## Pope versus the aliens

Polly Toynbee



THE Pope is preparing an encyclical against superstition. Oxymoron, or what? The Pontiff is writing a report about the dangers of people believing in magic, levitations, visitations by spirits, aliens, angels and the like. The mind boggles. Some might suggest he start with the Turin Shroud. And what of transubstantiation, virgin visions, appearances of the stigmata, to say nothing of ascensions and assumptions? Since this is Whitsuntide, what of spirits descending in fire to worshippers rolling on the floor and speaking in tongues?

No, it is the New Age the Pope will condemn. The Vatican was recently told that New Age practices and beliefs were rife inside its own convents and monasteries. Bishops across the world are anxiously reporting paganism breaking out in the pews. Crystals, pyramids, astrology, psychics, aliens and Eastern mysticism are invading the church. New Age treatments are regularly available in Catholic retreats, offering aromatherapy, soul dancing and use of the enneagram — a nine-sided figure — with rebirthing and mind-expanding techniques. Where are they to draw the line? the bishops ask. When does meditation and chanting become heresy? How does the church persuade people to believe their own superstition, while damning others? Eternal vigilance is the price of true dogma.

If it's happening in the Roman Catholic church, it's even more of a problem for Protestants, especially evangelists. "It's just so galling," says Keith Ewing of the Evangelical Alliance. "The hard evidence for the resurrection is extraordinarily compelling compared with all this." There is now a growing group calling themselves Christaqualians, merging Christ into the New Age. St James' C of E church in Piccadilly organises a programme called Alternatives, which includes the "transformative and miraculous powers" of group chant, collective memory exercises connecting people to their ancestors, pets and the environment, meditative drumming and "100 per cent Happiness". The programme comes with this "Friendly Disclaimer" on the cover: "Although St James' Church, in its goodness of heart and mind, includes Alternatives, the ideas in the programme are not representative of the church itself."

British priest who acts as secretary to the Pontifical Commission, says a line will be drawn. "Reincarnation, for instance, is out of the question. But there is much we could learn from the methodology of the New Age. Their holistic approach does offer a warmer sense of belonging, of personal significance and respect for the planet. We're not so good at those things. They are so well-packaged and well-marketed these days — it's a big challenge for us." The doctrinal issues are utterly puzzling to any outsider. Distinguishing which miracles and supernatural phenomena are OK is beyond rational contemplation for those of us as bemused by the eucharist as by Incan Heavy Energy Digestion.

Fr Fleetwood's strongest case against New Ager is that they are individualistic and narcissistic, so busy exploring personal experiences that they have no time for community or social concern. They have no community organisation or moral codes, because belief in the paranormal requires nothing of you, no self-denial, no love. It is spiritual materialism — getting what you can, no strings, no rules, a personal freedom religion. I was too polite to point out to Fr Fleetwood that one superstition looks as absurd as another from the outside — and as for its moral effects, consider the damage the Catholic Church does with the Pope's barbaric teaching on contraception and abortion.

But the real question is why belief in any kind of supernatural has taken such firm root, just as we seemed at last to be approaching an age of reason. Peter Clark, professor of the history and sociology of religion at King's College, London, says: "We live in the most superstitious age ever." He notes grimly that a psychic will get 1,500 people into a lecture theatre, while a philosopher is lucky to draw 20. Why?

Forty years ago, he says, no one would have guessed there would be such a wholesale swallowing of superstitious belief. There is, he says, a new sense of the limits of science — plus highly commercialised selling of New Ager. He thinks there never was an age of enlightenment. Society was strictly governed by codes, including rules on what you could believe. Now that people are free to live as they like in a pluralist world, they are also freer to think what they like. "Forty years ago, if someone told their neighbour they believed in UFOs, they'd have been treated as a lunatic. Now anything goes." (Consider the Daily Mail, uncritically full of New Age stuff they'd have condemned as dangerous hippy nonsense a few decades ago.)

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## Endpiece: Bit of a lather

Roy Hattersley



FOR more than 20 years, I have been a martyr to itching elbows — an affliction which I tried to cure with surreptitious scratching and attributed to long hours spent in libraries with the inflamed joints pressed hard against the table tops.

The condition has spread to parts of my anatomy which I could not rest against a reading desk without the risk of immediate prosecution. And scratching would not be socially acceptable. So I went to see my doctor.

Part of my philosophy of life is that, if you fail to find a GP who is a hopeless drunk, register with one who weighs at least 20 stone and is thus prevented from lecturing on the importance of exercise and salads.

My admirable medical adviser is such a man. But with both our stomachs in the line of vision, it was impossible for him to examine me until I lay down. He prescribed a soothing unguent. It did no good.

A second prescription proved no more efficacious. So he sent me to a dermatologist.

The visit proved immediately beneficial to my general health. Nobody in the hospital knew where the outpatients department was and, since the working-class lad inside me would not dare to keep a doctor waiting, I ran up and down stairs for 15 minutes and arrived in the consulting room several pounds lighter than when the enquiry desk first sent me in the wrong direction.

The consultant was ready for me but, unfortunately, I was not ready for him. I had neither blue form nor white card. So I was sent back to the start of the obstacle race.

The dermatologist was all that I hoped he would be — calm, confident, concerned and reassuring. Though I was disconcerted by the discovery that he had made a rude drawing on his note pad. The realisation that the drawing was of me had such a destabilising effect that I could not give sensible answers to his questions. Asked to name the first ointment I had been prescribed, I replied, "A white one in a red tube."

The second equally unsuccessful remedy I identified as yellow in blue. The consultant decided to adopt the bedside manner of a paediatrician. "I think," he said, "we'll try brown in green."

The more he talked to me, the more reassured I felt. But our relationship suffered a setback when he asked me how often I bathed. Where I came from bathing is the penalty for filth. So I told him sternly that I showered at least once a day.

Not satisfied, he demanded that I demonstrate how I do it. I gave what I believed to be a convincing imitation of Mary Martin singing, "I'm going to wash that man right out of my hair." Was the shampoo, he asked, allowed to run down my back? Did I soap myself all over?

I replied that I was obsessively committed to lather —

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dragging out the vowel sound for as long as I could to confirm that I spend most of my life in the sweet-smelling south. The smile of triumph which follows a confirmed diagnosis spread across the consultant's lips. "That's it," he cried. "Soap. That's the problem."

There followed a passionate, and wholly convincing, denunciation of the first Lord

Leverbume who — I now accept without reservation — perpetrated a confidence trick on the glibble Victorian poor. Cleanliness, however near to godliness, can be achieved without chemical assistance which — to persons with particularly sensitive skins — can actually induce illness. One of the complaints made against me by my mother 50 years ago appears to be justified. I am allergic to soap and water.

The prescribed remedy was far more humiliating than the disease. I am to wash with a substance called bath gel. Until the fateful day of the diagnosis all that I knew of gel was that it came in tiny bottles left in hotel bathrooms. I may have bathed in it already. The lettering on the bottles is so small that I can read it only if I shower in spectacles. I have often tried to wash my hair in talcum powder, after-shave and shoe-cleaning fluid. I always cleansed myself of the offending substance with soap.

Whatever my mother may

have believed — and may believe now — I am essentially a lifebuoy and an acrobatic brush man. I recall the distinctive pink smell.

These days I use whatever brand happens to be nestling in the niche in the tiles above the bath. But I doubt if I will have the confidence to go out unless I have rubbed a block of something all over me from top to bottom and beyond. And using bath gel will make me feel a right Jessie.

I do not think of myself as a man with sensitive skin. In my heart I get the zinc bath from under the kitchen table and stoke up the boiler in the wash house as soon as I get home from work. My hide is supposed to be tanned by the Fennine wind and thickened by 30 years in Parliament.

Had Mrs Morel bathed Walter's back in gel, then Sons and Lovers would have had a quite different ending. If it were only my elbows that itched, I would accept the inconvenience with fortitude. I wonder how far Job's boils extended.



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## Eyes on the prize

Northern Ireland's people have chosen their future

THE FUTURE look on the past in Northern Ireland and won. Ranged on one side were the bitterness of a thirty years war, the memories and hurt that refused to go away. Ranged on the other were fatigue with a futile conflict, the realisation that no one could ever win the battle of Ulster and that it was best for the two communities who share that land to live in it together. On one side were Ian Paisley and his prophets of doom, bellowing a loud, long No. On the other was perhaps the unlikely coalition ever assembled: Sinn Féin and the Ulster Unionists, Bono and a former chief constable of the RUC, Bill Clinton and William Hague, Richard Branson and the Balcombe Street gang, Tony Blair and the loyalist prisoners of the Maze. They all said Yes to the Good Friday agreement, and this weekend's referendum result saw them recruit the most crucial ally of all to their coalition: the people of Northern Ireland themselves. More than 70 per cent said the word loud and clear: Yes.

There are disputes as to the exact proportion of Unionists who voted that way. The Paisleyites bend the figures to argue that the 71-to-29 per cent victory margin means a majority of that community voted No. David Trimble reckons the number of Unionist recalcitrants is closer to 35 per cent. Since people did not cast their votes with colour-coded ballot papers of orange and green, we shall never know for sure. But maybe we don't need to know for one thing, as Mo Mowlam pointed out after hearing the result, a 3-1 victory hardly needs a replay. More deeply, if the people's verdict on Friday means anything, it surely reveals a desire to get away from the old sectarianism — the one where Northern Ireland's people are always counted separately. So what happens next? In a month's time, Northern Ireland voters go to the polls yet again, to elect the new assembly approved on Friday. The politicians of the province must be the most exhausted in the democratic world: no sooner had they finished

their all-night marathon talks which culminated in agreement, than they were plunged into a long referendum campaign. Now they have to find new energies — to win a role in Northern Ireland's first attempt at self-rule in a generation. Sinn Féin showed its usual political guile by striking first. Gerry Adams' offer of an electoral pact with the SDLP was briskly snubbed by John Hume — who believes he needs no help from anybody after seeing polls which tip his party to be the largest single entity in the new body. Still, he risked looking narrow and partisan while Mr Adams scored PR points by casting himself as a nationalist unifier, a man seeking to end the old infighting. For relative newcomers to democratic politics, Sinn Féin are extremely good at it. Mr Adams' second move was, once again, to ask David Trimble to talk to him face to face, something the Ulster Unionist leader has steadfastly refused to do. Those who want an outbreak of peace, love and harmony in Belfast may wish Mr Trimble would reach out a symbolic hand, but they can hardly blame him for refusing. He wants to give no quarter to his headline critics within Unionism, the erstwhile leaders of the No campaign. Mr Trimble is right to worry. Many Unionist waverers may be

glad that the agreement went through and that the assembly is on its way — but now think they should pack the body with tough guys, just to keep it on the pro-union rails. They may believe that the presence of Mr Paisley and his nit-picking confrère, the UK Unionist MP Robert McCartney, will block the Sinn Féin crowd from wielding too much influence. An assembly with a strong Paisleyite hue may strike some Unionists as the best of both worlds. But that would be a big mistake. The No campaigners have been quite open that their role in such a body will be as wreckers. They now have a political, even personal interest in proving that they were right all along — and that shared rule cannot work. Unionists took a great step forward on Friday. They should not take a step back by voting for the agreement's would-be saboteurs on June 25. All sides need to adopt the same attitude to the other rejectionists who remain bent on undoing Friday's good work. The men of terror on both sides have not gone away. Just yesterday a bomb was found under a railway bridge in a nationalist district of south west Belfast, amid fears that the Loyalist Volunteer Force could soon call off the ceasefire it announced in the last stages of the referendum campaign. In this atmo-

sphere, there are useful gestures the pro-agreement forces could make. Gerry Adams could talk more of his desire to bring the war to an end. David Trimble could lean on the Orange Order not to send its annual march at Drumcree on July 12 down the nationalist Garvaghy Road. Both moves would help focus Ulster eyes on the prize of co-operation. For now, all the people who brought Northern Ireland to this moment of possibility deserve some congratulation — from the province's politicians to the former paramilitaries, the Irish Government to the Clinton administration, from John Major to Mo Mowlam. Tony Blair deserves special credit: his presence last week reassured Unionists just as they lurched dangerously close to a No vote. After referendum successes in Scotland, Wales and London Mr Blair can now boast a four-out-of-four victory run — but this is the one that mattered most. After little more than a year in office, he has apparently secured the prize which has eluded every prime minister since Gladstone. But the greatest credit goes not to a single politician, but to the million-plus voters of Northern Ireland. They took a leap of faith on Friday, from a bloody past to a new future. We congratulate them — and wish them luck.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Sex, spies and videotape

THANK you for your fascinating piece on literary spies (I wandered lonely as a spy, May 19). However, the Erskine Childers depicted is not the author of *Riddle of the Sands* but the son or nephew (I can't remember which) who in much more recent times was to become president of the Republic of Ireland. Moreover, given Erskine Childers (the elder's) sadly true prediction of the effects of partition — "It is nothing short of wonderful that his words should appear in the day of the fantastic referendum results in both parts of Ireland." Tim Hall, London.

ROS Gward writes (Di social said it all when after Diana's death he described how the response to the funeral failed to stir him whereas the serenity of the Burial Requiem performed in the Albert Hall induced an awe. "I hope it isn't too 'subliminal' middle class" "middle-aged" and "mark to point out that I said no such thing? I did write in the Sunday Telegraph magazine that: 1. I attended a performance of Verdi's Requiem; 2. I compared Verdi's Mass to Chopin in The Wind, not to "subliminal response to the funeral"; 3. I did not describe the Verdi's as "serene." It isn't I write "Elton John may be sad in the face of death, but Verdi saves the life out of you in the life line." In Eltop, London.

ON THE same day (May 22) that government figures show hospital waiting lists increasing, you report that the K Central Council for Nurses is to carry out its own criminal investigation into the two nurses released from prison in Saudi Arabia "with the same standard of proof as a criminal court". Will this involve any transfer of funds from medical provisions to lawyers, and do we know which lawyers deemed this little exercise necessary? Charles Smith, Knutsford, Cheshire.

SURELY Viagra (impotence) pill alert after six users die, May 23) would be the least of a lothario's problems had he ingested nitroglycerine? Sean Hughes, Manchester.

#### What it all adds up to

A FEW simple calculations should expose the absurdity of the Paisley-McCartney claim that a majority of Unionists voted No in Friday's Northern Ireland referendum. The total electorate was 1,175,403. On a 60-40 split, 705,242 of eligible voters were Unionist and 470,161 were Nationalist. The turn-out was 80.98 per cent. Assume that Nationalists voted in larger numbers than Unionists, to the extent that the Nationalist turnout was 85 per cent. Also suppose that 90 per cent of Nationalists voted Yes. Then the number of Yes votes coming from Nationalists was 359,673.

Since a total of 679,988 Yes votes were recorded, Unionists cast 320,293 Yes votes. A Nationalist turn-out of 85 per cent would imply that 78 per cent — constituting 550,089 people — voted. So, according to this scenario, 550,089 Unionist voters cast 320,293 Yes votes, representing a level of support for the Good Friday agreement among Unionists of 58 per cent. Vard K Borooah, Belfast.

WHEN politicians talk numbers, mathematics really is the only truth. By my calculation, even if all Catholics voted Yes, Catholics would have to exceed 42 per cent of the total population of Northern Ireland before it could be said that a majority of non-Catholics voted No. Ivor Annetts, Tiverton, Devon.

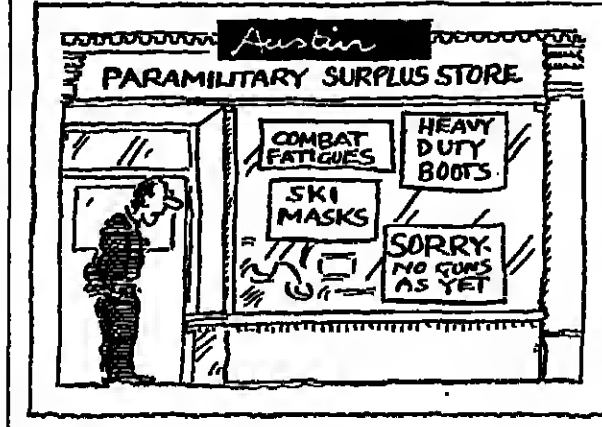
IAN Paisley's reaction to the referendum shows that his maths teacher was as poor as those who tutored him in science and logic. The fact that a significant minority in the six counties are as convinced as Paisley that two plus two equals five, that the creation myths are true and that Catholicism is the source of all evil is disturbing. But this cannot detract from the potential to develop a new politics in Ireland based on peace, justice and equality, opened up by the people's endorsement of the Good Friday agreement. David Granville, Sheffield.

or for a peaceful future is an invention of the Yes camp. The people of Ulster have not voted to consign away the past but for a particular set of political measures. Yes voters and No voters alike will continue to have ample opportunity to act out their peculiar versions of history. The politicians' statements of hope — resolving differences, new Unionism, new Nationalism, and the like — are, unfortunately, still couched in the language of underlying tribal conflict. Take a typical optimistic claim, attributed to a Belfast lorry driver, that now "the Falls people will walk on the Shankill, and the Shankill people on the Falls." It defines people, as ever, in terms of where they have come, rather than where they are going. Charles Smith, Knutsford, Cheshire.

JONATHAN Freedland is right to point out the paradoxical nature of much of Northern Ireland's politics. In fact there is not a single party to the conflict whose position does not contain significant tensions. The Irish government long maintained a constitutional commitment to a piece of land it does not want; the British government maintains that it is neutral in a conflict between British citizens and foreigners; the IRA has shot Irishmen in the name of fraternity; Loyalists serve Her Majesty from behind the bars of her prisons; the SDLP champions nationalism and yet swears the oath of allegiance to a foreign power; and the DUP attempts to maintain the polite fiction that being Protestant is only incidental to being Unionist. These tensions are more than run-of-the-mill contradictions. They are a reminder of the relevance of Northern Ireland, in its politics we hear echoes of the wars of religion, and see played out, 200 years later, the clash between revolution and evolution that started in France. Here, in a chetral form, we have the conflicts between religious and secular identities, and between parochial nationalism and a liberal universalism. The Yes vote in the referendum is a profoundly hopeful development, of significance to millions. As Britons we

must now start tackling some of our own paradoxes. For too long the denial of the war has been part of the war. Now that it is over we can admit it took place. We will need to get to the bottom of collusion between the security forces and Loyalist killers before we can get back to normal. Remember Pat Finucane. N D Martin-Clark, London.

AFTER spending 17 years in prison, with the opportunity to reconsider the merits of his position, Tony McIntyre remains an unreconstructed Provisional (We, the IRA, have failed, May 22). Dismissed by the IRA's failure to get the "Brits Out", his objection seems to be confined to the terms of the surrender. Yet he fails to offer an alternative to surrender as an explanation for the IRA's failure. Let us be clear: the IRA's tactical campaign failed because, firstly, it was a nakedly sectarian campaign directed mainly at the Northern Ireland population. It was aimed against the very people who needed to be persuaded to support a constitutional change. It is not surprising that, having borne the brunt of this terror campaign, they rejected the "Provisional project". Secondly, the IRA wrongly assumed the British state would concede in the face of a long-term terror campaign. What is alarming about McIntyre's article is his trite dismissal of the principle of consent. That is, that there should be no change in Northern Ireland's constitutional position without majority support. He merely remarks that this was British state policy and one which the Provisionals have now accepted. Now he says it seems that "the war is over". Like most reasonable people I surely hope so. But my worry is that the footsoldiers may disagree. The IRA has left us with a potent legacy of sectarian hatred which will take years to overcome. But how many of its supporters will cling to the certainties of the past and reject this opportunity for a lasting peace? Gerry Carr, Esherbridge, Kent.



#### It's neither healthy nor safe

AS THE first subject of the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) Open Government initiative (Health and Safety, May 21), I can make a few comments on George Monbiot's informative article (Unsafe to criticize, May 21). When I questioned Mr Jenny Bacon, director general of the HSE, about the existence of this previously secret list, she said: "... we shall continue to have specific arrangements for handling requests from you and others". But when I obtained a copy of the secret HSE memo of September 6, 1995, specifically about me, it was clear that it was my, sometimes, successful complaints to the Ombudsman about HSE maladministration, and other research on the HSE, that had upset them. The memo said: "He has not hesitated in the past to exploit publicly replies he has received from HSE where he feels this would cause us embarrassment."

I want the HSE to inspect more workplaces for health and safety hazards and stop inspecting me. A J P Dalton, Health and safety co-ordinator, T & G Central Office, London.

SOME two years ago, we presented a paper at a conference, based upon research of regulatory practices in the offshore oil industry. Some months later, we managed to gain access to a small number of HSE inspectors and the final interview was interrupted by a senior member of the HSE who, with our conference paper in front of him, "reminded" us that HSE had a "substantial research budget", but that this money would "not be coming to Liv-

#### The good and the great's message to the ministers

EUROPEAN foreign ministers meet in Brussels today to finalise key elements of the EU Code of Conduct on arms exports. Amendments still have to be made if it is to have a significant impact on the flow of arms from Europe to regions of conflict and regimes that abuse human rights. The European Union accounts for 40 per cent of all arms exports to the developing world. The violent suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Indonesia — one of the main recipients of arms from Europe — is a stark reminder of the need for tougher guidelines governing exports to countries that abuse human rights. More rigorous consultation between countries to prevent one from granting an export which another has refused are also essential. Furthermore, the code should include improved measures for transparency and parliamentary scrutiny so that the public can effectively monitor weapons sales. A strong European Code will also be an essential building block for the establishment of an international code of conduct on arms transfers such as the one we Nobel Peace laureates have written. First proposed in 1985 by Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, our initiative establishes clear moral guidelines that all nations, rich and

poor, must uphold when considering arms transfers. The EU has the opportunity now to demonstrate its moral leadership on the world stage. Dr Oscar Arias (Nobel Peace Prize winner) Jose Ramos Horta (Nobel Prize winner 1995) Prof Joseph Rothblat (Nobel Prize winner 1995) Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Nobel Prize winner 1984) and two others. London.

WEENI travelled with Ox-fam to Cambodia in the 1980s, I witnessed the brutal work of the arms trade. Cambodia is now at peace but arms continue to be all too freely available to warring parties in other countries. In 1987, there were at least 30 major armed conflicts around the world. The EU Foreign Ministers must agree a tough restrictive code, which has no loopholes, to prevent arms from falling into the wrong hands. In today's wars, more than 80 per cent of the casualties are not soldiers, but civilian men, women and children. Julie Christie, London.

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## Missing the bus

### David McKie

MINISTERS (by whom I suppose they mean John Prescott) are drawing up plans, it says in the Sunday Times, to "gentrify" Britain's buses in the hope of tempting the middle classes to use them. "If we are to get the car-owners back on the buses," a Whitehall source is quoted as saying, "we have to get rid of the 'yuk' factor

which hits you on so many of these vehicles." While anything that gets cars off the road is to be applauded, I suspect this may end in tears. For those who use buses a lot, even yucky buses are better than none, especially if they are running on time. The one benefit of the Tory deregulation is that so many buses, some not much bigger than vans, are now penetrating by-ways which no double-decker could have attempted, so that people, especially the elderly, who couldn't face a long walk to the bus stop are being plucked back into society. Many (and I speak from experience, since I use buses a lot) are fearful old rattle-traps from which you emerge both shaken and stirred; but they get you there. And just as some people fear that a statutory minimum wage would eliminate jobs, I fear that a

statutory minimum bus could eliminate routes which keep some communities viable. Of course, if the Government lavishes money on local authorities to ensure that rattle-traps hurtling down country lanes are replaced by sleek numbers with carpets, hot and cold running water, etc, this objection would fall. But one can't see the Treasury, already committed by last March's Budget to bump up bus subsidies, finding additional cash on the scale which would make your local bus a match for your Ford Mondeo. And in any case, this gentrification strategy is based on a false assumption: that the lack of modern and air-conditioned and state-of-the-art CD is what keeps the middle class off the buses. It isn't. There are other more powerful influences which, whatever the focus groups are telling John Prescott, are far

more persuasive. First, buses won't go where you want them to go: they go where their Fat Controllers tell them to. There's a famous tale of Lord Curzon boarding a bus for the only time in his life and telling the conductor: "I want to go to the Ritz". It may not be true but it still survives because it captures an unfortunate truth about buses for middle (or in his case upper) class users. THEN there's the company: the other people with whom you must share your seat as you don't have to share your car. The Tory MP Steve Norris, who never cared much for convention, got into trouble when transport minister for saying he didn't like buses because of the other passengers. This too is a defect which cannot be cured by putting in clocks and carpets. Having been on a bus last autumn

from Watton-on-the-Naze to Jaywick, where a woman who must have been so rebuked the driver for some minor failing in terms of the foulest abuse, with a loving description of what she would do to his innards if given the chance, I know what Norris means. All other things being equal, you probably get a more peculiar class of passenger on rattle-trap buses than you do on the trains. But sometimes that's the attraction. You hear far richer conversations on buses than you do on the railway. The day Diana died I boarded a bus on which a debate was raging about her life and her death which uncovered all kinds of attitudes which it took the newspapers days to catch up with. On a bus up the Tottenham Court Road, I once heard an elderly woman who said to her husband: "Needs must

when the devil drives" treated to the kind of trade which can only come from a lifetime of pent-up frustration. "I don't want no more of your moaning," he raged. "And I don't want no more of your probering." On the gentrified buses you won't hear conversations like that. Instead there'll be mobile phones and piped music. Albinoni, Vivaldi and Pachelbel on up-market routes and the Spice Girls everywhere else. "Under the proposals," the Sunday Times adds "drivers will be expected to be polite, addressing all customers — even teenagers — as sir and madam." Services where the driver says "love" will, I suppose, lose their licences. Such aspects of the minister's project seem to me to mistake both the nature of progress, and the nature of buses. But then, ministers rarely, if ever, travel by bus.



## Tomorrow: Microsoft's Bill Gates burns the midnight oil

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## Blow for Body Shop

Roger Cowe

**B**ODY SHOP faces a widespread revolt by franchisees in its troubled US business, where a new partner has been brought in to try to turn round the loss-making 200-strong chain.

At a private meeting addressed by the group's founders, Anita and Gordon Roddick, franchisees made it clear that most want to leave the business. At one point franchisees shocked the Roddicks when they threatened to walk out of the meeting unless the founders answered their complaints and ques-

tions. "I have never seen Anita at a loss for words", one franchisee said. They are angry that the company has been unable to stem a three-year slide in sales and has been unwilling to offer franchisees an acceptable exit from the business.

In a memo obtained by the Guardian to the acting US chief executive David Edwards, the business people who own the bulk of the US chain said: "Franchisees unanimously feel that we are now outsiders and wonder: Why should we stay?" They told Mr Edwards that at a caucus on the eve of the national franchise meeting last week, most of those pres-

ent wanted to sell out. "The majority would welcome a fair and viable opportunity to exit the business." Even if Body Shop changed its stance, only about 15 per cent of those at the meeting wanted to stay. The firm has bought back 70 franchises in the last year, making 210 shops company-owned. But many owners of the remaining 90 stores do not consider the buy-back terms acceptable. One franchisee is suing the company for allegedly misrepresenting the business prospects.

Jim White, who owns a loss-making store in Ridgefield, Mississippi, said he would be prepared to accept a reasonable offer but the \$110,000 suggested by Body Shop bore no comparison to the \$600,000 he had invested in the business. "I want to walk away without having to file for bankruptcy", Mr White said. "I just don't understand why they are prepared to face an expensive legal action. What's the method in their madness?"

Mr Edwards told last week's meeting that Body Shop aims to remain a franchise company, but neither he nor the Roddicks could answer many other questions because the company is awaiting the arrival of Adrian Bellamy, who has been given an option to buy half the US business if he can turn it round. The group has also recruited a new chief executive, Frenchman Patrick Gournay, who is due to take over next month.

Mr Roddick, the Body Shop chairman, admitted to the franchisees that the company had repeatedly failed to live up to its promises and improve prospects for the American chain. Last year total sales fell by 2 per cent, even though three new stores opened. Sales in existing stores dropped by 5 per cent, continuing a decline which began in 1994.

Body Shop has suffered intense competition from other retailers of cosmetics and toiletries, notably Bath and Body Works. The UK company has been unable to match its competitors' promotional strategies despite a succession of management changes.

### Notebook

## Consumers take the utility biscuit



Penelope Rowlatt

**T**HE Government published its green paper on the regulation of privatised utilities in March under the title A Fair Deal for Consumers. One of its proposals is for regulators to have a primary, statutory duty to "exercise their functions in the manner best calculated to protect the interests of consumers".

It is far from clear whether this is intended to improve the public image of the regulators or whether they would be expected to change the way they go about their business. Once the legislation is in force, however, the regulators will have no choice — they will have to give priority to consumers' interests. But will this mean being unfair to shareholders and others?

The utilities regulators — Clare Spottiswoode for gas, Ian Byatt for water, and so on, generally have three important duties: these vary in detail, but rather than referring to the protection of consumers' interests, they cover what legislators thought was needed to protect the interests of consumers and others.

Security of supply comes first, then the ability of participating firms to finance their activities. The importance of promoting competition comes last. The idea presented in the green paper that the interests of consumers should be given an over-arching importance, has been well received. It will certainly clarify regulators' role and should make it more acceptable to the public. But it is not yet clear precisely what is intended.

We need to see what implications the green paper might have for participants in the utilities' industries. If the utility regulators had only one duty, and it was to protect the interests of consumers, what would this mean in practice? Even under the current regime, regulators have often had second thoughts on some issue which

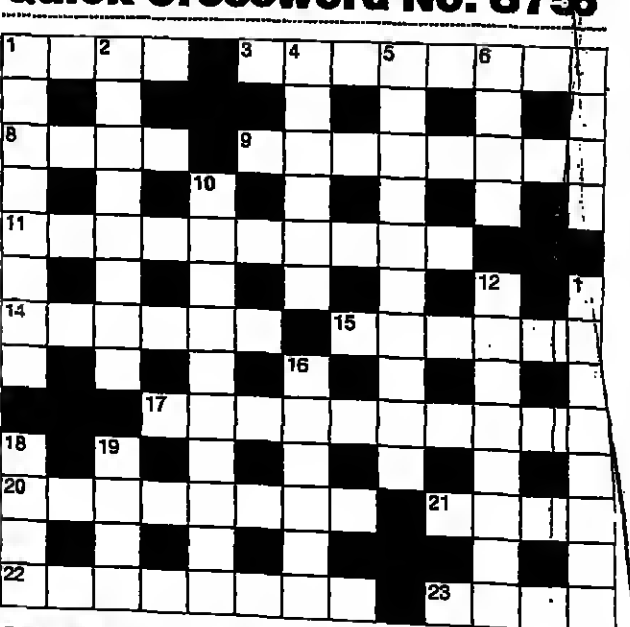
the companies may have thought was settled. Let's take two examples of issues recently raised by regulators in which the interests of consumers and those of shareholders are at variance. IN THE course of its review of electricity distribution prices, the industry watchdog, Ofwat, says in its consultation paper of February 1998 that it will examine whether company assets at the time of privatisation should continue to be valued at the level agreed during the 1994-5 distribution review.

A reduction in that valuation would now, of course, mean lower prices for distributing electricity and less profit for the companies. Water regulator Ofwat, in the June 1997 consultation paper on its 1999 periodic review of water prices, said that it was considering bringing forward to the year 2001-2 a transfer to customers of the benefits of the water companies' past efficiencies.

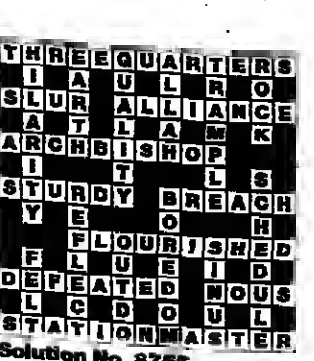
At the price review in 1994, a progressive transfer between 1995 and 2005 was scheduled, but the water regulator had kept open the possibility that the 3-year price limits set at that time would be reviewed after five years. The proposed recasting of regulators' duties means that questions of this sort will have to be decided in consumers' favour.

In theory, any failure to honour the historical understanding between regulator and regulated will raise the cost of attracting capital to the utility industries, which may lead to increased costs in the longer term. The green paper cautions that "due weight should be given to consumer" long and medium-term interests as well as to their immediate or short-term interests.

### Quick Crossword No. 8756



- Across**
- Competent — sort of seaman (4)
  - Gallows (8)
  - Sea-eagle (4)
  - Unconventional (8)
  - 30 minutes (4,2,4)
  - Refuse to work (6)
  - Lure (6)
  - Which motorists should obey! (5,5)
  - Strange (8)
  - Supply — store (4)
  - Shipbuilding area (8)
  - Remain — support (4)
- Down**
- Bluish-violet semiprecious stone (8)
  - Irishman (8)
  - Dress (6)
  - Other (10)
  - Exclude (4)
  - Cold and wet (4)
  - Trickery (5-5)
  - Eight (8)
  - In a passionate way (8)
  - Seesaw (6)
  - Pass — member of crew (4)
  - Record (4)



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### Really Useful overtures

## Lloyd Webber tries to recover stake

Financial Staff

**M**ULTI-MILLIONAIRE composer Andrew Lloyd Webber disclosed yesterday he is in talks to buy back Polygram's 30 per cent stake in his theatrical company, Really Useful Group.

He approached the company before last week's agreed \$6 billion takeover of the Dutch film and music group by Seagram.

Lord Lloyd Webber, the man behind a string of hit musicals including Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats and Phantom of the Opera, said yesterday: "Far from wanting to dilute my involvement, I am eager to acquire the PolyGram minority shareholding and made such an offer to PolyGram before Seagram's involvement was announced."

"I have never seen the Really Useful Group in such good shape. We have a new team of managers who are taking the group forward on all fronts."

A spokesman for Really Useful Group said that, under the terms of a legal agreement, Lord Lloyd Webber had the first option to buy the 30 per cent stake should it be offered for sale by the new owner of PolyGram.



Andrew Lloyd Webber, responsible for successes such as Phantom of the Opera, above, is determined to stay at the helm

## Mirror poised for shares fillip

Pauline Springett

**S**HARES in Mirror Group are expected to jump today after the disclosure that the company is in takeover talks with the German publisher Axel Springer.

The shares closed at 218p on Friday, a rise of 20p during the week, amid mounting speculation that a bid for the Mirror Group was in the offing.

After the market closed on Friday, Springer said at the weekend that it was considering an offer for Mirror Group. It said this was one of a number of opportunities it was looking at.

One industry source said yesterday the company was "definitely in play" and analysts believe any offer from Springer may lead to a bidding war.

Mirror Group's chief executive David Montgomery and Springer's chairman Gus Fischer are believed to be at odds over the bid price. Last week's share surge gave Mirror Group a near £1 billion value but Mr Montgomery is thought to be seeking a price nearer £1.5 billion.

Sources close to both sides attempted to dampen the bid rumour.

A spokesman for Springer said: "There is not an offer and there are not any negotiations."

A Mirror Group spokesman said: "The company has not received an offer of any kind."

But it is understood that Springer, which is looking to expand overseas, has been sounding out Mr Montgomery in pre-bid talks.

Meanwhile, industry sources believe that Victor Blank, former chairman of Charterhouse bank and a multi-millionaire, will shortly be confirmed as Mirror Group's new chairman.

The current chairman, 74-year-old Sir Robert Clark is ill and is due to retire at the end of June.

The announcement of Mr Blank's appointment could follow a Mirror Group board meeting tomorrow.

Separately, the Mirror spokesman dismissed as "claptrap" reports that Mr Montgomery had been poised to quit the company earlier this year to join Telewest, Britain's second largest cable TV operator.

## Names prepare for war on Lloyd's

Pauline Springett

**L**LOYD'S of London faces a revolt tomorrow from angry investors who believe they are being squeezed out of the world-famous insurance market.

The 4,000-strong Association of Lloyd's Members is planning to attack sentiments expressed in a recent speech by Lloyd's chief executive, Ron Sandler, who said he wanted to see an end to the market's traditional system of capital provision.

Individual investors, or Names, support the practice of raising money annually to fund the market's syndicates because it gives them more flexibility. The ability to switch funds on a yearly basis away from poorly performing syndicates also ensures that underwriters are kept on their toes.

But the increasing number of corporate investors would prefer to see the annual venture system scrapped in favour of longer-term capital provision more akin to the way in which public compa-

nies are capitalised by shareholders. Robert Miller, an ALM spokesman, said: "We want to make it clear how seriously we take this. Ron Sandler's speech has caused great alarm among members."

Mr Miller said that it was becoming "increasingly apparent" that Lloyd's viewed the Names as tiresome, and that it would like to kick them out of the market.

Mr Sandler's controversial speech, made last month to an ALM meeting, featured a searing attack on annual

funding, saying it was expensive and should be scrapped. A Lloyd's spokesman said yesterday that Mr Sandler's views were personal, and did not reflect those of Lloyd's.

"Lloyd's does not have a view," he said, although he acknowledged that many practitioners within the market itself do support the chief executive.

The spokesman also stressed that the annual venture system could not be scrapped arbitrarily. "That would face immediate legal challenge," he said.

## DTI doubles fraud shutdowns

Dan Atkinson reports on a big rise in disqualifications of dodgy directors

**G**OVERNMENT investigators doubled the number of dubious or fraudulent companies it closed down last year, according to a report published today.

Department of Trade and Industry figures show that 72 companies were closed down and there was a doubling in the number of directors disqualified. Complaints to the department's investigation branch rose by 11 per cent.

The 1997-8 inquiries included companies involved in gas mis-selling, money circulation schemes, misleading share offers and insider dealing.

Nigel Griffiths, minister for competition and consumer affairs, said the figures demonstrated the department's commitment to protecting vulnerable or badly-informed customers. "I am determined to protect the public from unscrupulous companies like these".

A separate report from accountants EPMG, also out today, showed that the cost of serious fraud soared nearly 30 per cent during 1997 to £120 million. This is the first important newsworthy since the early 1990s and may indicate a renewed bout of white collar crime on the back of economic recovery.

The EPMG fraud barometer registered 55 cases of fraud involving more than £100,000 in 1997; this was a fall on the 74 cases reported in 1996 but the total value rose from £95 million to £120 million.

Setting aside the freak year of 1996, in which the £12 billion figure was inflated by the £900 million Baring's bank scandal, fraud totals have been declining since 1993.

EPMG fraud investigator Adam Bates warned that companies should beware a "false sense of security" and remember that "frauds result largely from poor internal controls".

Last year saw also a shift in the fraudsters' preferred targets. Government — including the Inland Revenue — was the chief victim of

fraud in 1998, but in 1997 the banking and financial sector took the brunt, of white-collar crime, clocking up 18 individual cases of fraud involving more than £100,000.

Investors, too, were increasingly falling prey to fraud. In 1996, the cost of such fraud was £4 million, leaping to £73 million last year. EPMG attributed this apparently startling rise to "a small number of cases where false promises were made to investors concerning the high profits that could be made from complex instruments".

Mr Bates said: "Where investors do not really understand how their investments will generate a high rate of return, they should resist the temptation to make a quick buck."

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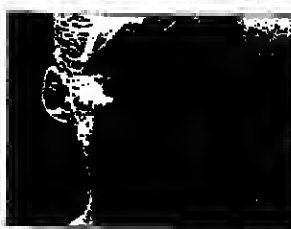
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Texaco Trophy: England v South Africa

## Brown speeds England victory

Mike Selvey sees a late flurry from Adam Hollis as team restore some lost pride

**T**HE difference a day makes. Beaten at The Oval, and again at Old Trafford on Saturday, England cast off their inhibitions in the Headingley sunshine and slaughtered the most efficient one-day outfit in the business, winning the final match under Texaco's sponsorship by seven wickets with 15 overs in hand. This is definitely not a wind-up. It brought to an end a string of six consecutive defeats for Adam Hollis — who instead of being placed in the stocks will now probably be put up for a knighthood — and an even sorer run of eight defeats by South Africa since Mike Atherton's side beat them by five wickets under lights in Bloemfontein more than two years ago. Strange to tell, yesterday's match was not even a contest, one of England's previous five wins (as against nine by South Africa) was as devastating.

The key was superb bowling — by Darren Gough, England's Man of the Series, and Angus Fraser that held the tourists to 34 for two after 13 overs, and later by Mark Boucher and Robert Croft — after South Africa had opted to bat first on a sprightly pitch that despite clear skies darted and dived wickedly at times.

They managed only 205 for

eight, a slender score that might have been a good deal fewer had Shaun Pollock, on four, not survived what appeared to be a catch at the wicket in Croft's first over. Pollock went on to make 60 from 64 balls, adding 40 for the sixth wicket with Hansie Cronje (35), and 52 for the eighth with Mark Boucher (26 out). If England were slender favourites at the half-way stage, having Allan Donald and Pollock to exploit the pitch gave South Africa more than a glimmer of hope.

That was obliterated inside 17 overs by Alistair Brown and Nick Knight. With rhythm upset by the Headingley slope and the urgency of the situation, Cronje's bowlers lost discipline as the batsmen mocked conditions and reputations. Brown and Knight clobbered an opening partnership of 114.

Before he was run out by Jacques Kallis's supreme piece of fielding from cover point, Brown's contribution was 59 scored from just 40 balls with 11 fours, a display of free hitting that brought a standing ovation from the crowd and the Man of the Match award from Ian Botham, who knew a thing or two about batting here with a Double-O licence.

Brown passed his half-century in 31 balls, which if it appears sluggish by comparison with Sanath Jayasuriya's world record of 17 balls is second only for England to Chris Old's 30-ball effort against India in the 1975 World Cup at Lord's, and three balls faster than Graeme Hick's record for this competition, in 1992.

Knight, too, played another fine innings, reaching 51 from 79 balls with six boundaries before he was caught by Jonty Rhodes — South Africa's Man of the Series — at backward point as he propped forward to Donald.

By now, England could have afforded to throttle back. Instead Matthew Fleming, in at three, maintained the momentum with 18 from 17 balls, including a six over square leg from Lance Klusener, before Alec Stewart (26 not out) and Nasser Hussain (33 not out) wiped off the last 58 runs.

There will be a temptation, as there is when England win Test matches at The Oval, to suggest that this win comes on the back of a dead series when the opposition do not carry the same sense of purpose. That would be insulting



Kicked into touch... Allan Donald desponds as Nick Knight and England belatedly get on with the job at Headingley

PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN GILES

both to South Africa, who went in with their first-choice team once more, and to England, who for the first time this summer (and indeed the first time since they beat West Indies by 16 runs in Bridgetown at the end of March) played compelling, confident and competent cricket.

If Hollis has taken the bulk of the flak for the team's recent performances, then he in turn deserves credit now.

On Saturday, when with South Africa at 166 for seven his side had the opportunity to secure a winning position with the ball, he was criticised for not bringing back Gough to finish things off. South Africa recovered to 226 for nine and bowled England out for 194. This time he kept his finger on the pulse, rotated his bowling sensibly, brought Gough back on cue (and saw him hammered for 40 runs from four overs for

his pains) and generally did not let go. "We exploited the conditions better than them," Hollis said afterwards. "After the first two games, we decided to be positive in this one, and approach it aggressively. When you are losing, you wonder when it will end, but hopefully we have stopped the flood."

The issue of whether Hollis retains the captaincy for the triangular series later

in the summer and beyond is still up in the air. There are those who would wish to unify the position simply because to do otherwise goes against the grain. But the chairman of selectors David Graveney had the vision to realise that the one-day captaincy might require different qualities than that Test job, and little has happened to deflect him from that view.

"The situation is no different to when we appointed Adam

and Alec Stewart a few weeks ago," Graveney said last night. "As selectors, we will evaluate what has happened and decide where to go from here, perhaps when we meet to pick the Test side this weekend. We cannot let things drift on. But it is very important to identify and stick with a group of players. In that regard we have learned a lot from South Africa, who have benefited from being a unit that has been together a long time."

Graveney will probably meet resistance from his fellow selectors Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch, who outvoted him on the issue before the Caribbean tour and ousted Hollis in favour of Atherton. But this time, if he really believes in the strategy, the chairman has to take the high ground and hold it, or threaten the consequences.

David Hopps and Saturday scoreboard, page 17



Loye... 322 hut no cigar

## Loye's the boy as the records shatter

Rob Steen

**T**HE number-crunchers have seldom known anything like it. All manner of records bit the dust at Northampton yesterday, and all in the name of a draw.

When Northamptonshire began their second innings against Glamorgan on Saturday, they trailed by 391 runs. At 142 for four, moreover, defeat seemed inevitable. Instead Malachi Loye and David Ripley added 401, supplanting an 89-year-old English record for the fifth wicket.

Although Ripley went for 209 yesterday afternoon, Loye, a gifted 25-year-old left-hander dogged by injury, swept on to 322 not out in a shade under 11 hours, striking 49 fours. The previous best for the county had been 300, by Raman Subba Row in 1939. Northants' eventual 713 constituted the highest second-innings total ever achieved in this country, usurping Cambridge University's 703 for nine declared in 1890. Glamorgan, it bears recalling, are the county champions.

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### Headingley scoreboard

<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	
G Kirsten b Fraser	19
G P J Lisenberg run out	13
J H Kallis run out	13
D J Cullinan run out	13
W J Cronje c Stewart b Eastham	52
J H Kallis c Stewart b Eastham	60
S M Pollock b Fleming	14
L Klusener c Stewart b Fraser	14
P J Boucher not out	1
M Symcox not out	1
Extras (bats, wds, nbs)	17
<b>Total (for 8, 50 overs)</b>	<b>205</b>
<b>England</b>	
Full of wickets 20, 25, 57, 60, 70, 116, 146, 195	
Did not bat: A A Donald	
Headingley Gough 10-0-57-2; Fraser 10-0-29-2; Fleming 10-0-41-1; Eastham 10-0-44-3; Croft 10-0-91-0	
<b>ENGLAND</b>	
A V Knight c Rhodes b Donald	51
A D Brown run out	39
M V Fleming b Donald	18
T A J Stewart not out	26
N Hussain not out	33
Extras (bats, wds, nbs)	19
<b>Total (for 3, 35 overs)</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Full of wickets 114, 128, 146</b>	
Did not bat: D L Moody, A J Hollis, M A Eastham, A R C Fraser, R O B Croft, O Gough	
Headingley Pollock 7-1-34-0; Klusener 6-0-45-0; Donald 7-0-35-2; Symcox 9-1-61-0; Cronje 6-0-35-0	
Extras (bats, wds, nbs)	19
Headingley J H Hampshire and G Sharp	
<b>England won by seven wickets</b>	

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Cricket

# Blustering Brown will do nicely - at a pinch

David Hopps sees the Surrey batsman put a striking case to England's selectors with a masterful display at Headingley

It was marvellous fun while it lasted and, like the most diverting moments in life, it is perhaps best not analysed too closely. But England will be mentally replaying Ally Brown's joyous innings against South Africa and wondering whether they are bound to play their joker in next year's World Cup.

With the Texaco Trophy already lost and Adam Holoake's experimental status as England's one-day captain under threat, there was no better time to throw a party, and Brown ensured that it was a riotous affair with the second-fastest 50 in England's one-day history.

Only a player with a sense of fun and optimism can relish batting in the style Brown did yesterday. When it goes well, the crowd hoots its approval. When it goes badly, the theory is again raised that pinch-hitting of this type in next year's World Cup in England is not an option.

The consensus is that any opening batsman bent on all-out attack in an English spring will quickly perish on pitches allowing extravagant seam and swing. It all sounds as if Brown was taking guard knee-deep in a field of buttercups.

But this was Headingley, the crabbier of England's Test pitches, and Brown wrestled the initiative within the first few overs. "He is consistently explosive," said Adam Holoake, also his captain at Surrey. "You only need 15 overs of him and he can steal the game." Fifteen? Four will do.

Brown's strokeplay for Surrey has often been more startling, as Holoake recognised. South Africa did not bowl well enough to extend him fully.

But equally true was Holoake's reflection that Brown's innings was one of the most important of his England career. The assertion by the South Africa captain Hansie Cronje that this was a "no-pressure game" did not entirely convince.

"There was a lot of psychological pressure on us not to lose 3-0," Brown said. "I believe that we have a massive chance in the World Cup and the fact that we won this game with 15 overs to spare says a lot about our potential."

"We have been on a bit of a losing trot but Adam is an exceptional captain. I'm convinced that he is the man to take us to the World Cup."

Pinch-hitting has never

quite seemed England's forte. To some, even the very term, borrowed from baseball, is sacrilegious. It is, however, a fair description of a method devised to respond to a specific situation — the rules which enforce attacking fields for the first 15 overs of an innings — and Brown is the most natural exponent in England.

"They bowled short at me early on and gave me a chance," Brown said, "but I've still proved I can do it against an attack of the quality of South Africa."

"It's not a case of slogging across the line. It's a matter of recognising my strengths and hitting into those areas."

England preferred to rubish pinch-hitting in the last World Cup and paid the consequences. For one thing, Michael Atherton was still vying for the role as England's one-day opener, and he preferred to plough, not pinch.

Neither did the development over impress Raymond Illingworth, England's team manager. Pinch-hitting requires unquenchable optimism and Illingworth was not exactly brimming over with it as he journeyed around Pakistan meaning along the traffic, the weather and the food.

England settled for tokenism, charging the pinch-hitting role to bowlers with a good eye, such as Phil DeFreitas and Neil Smith, and suffered as a result.

Brown's first foray into international pinch-hitting, against India in the Texaco Trophy two years ago, was such a muddle that he was famously compared to Coco the Clown. He hit a century in the last game of that series, and retorted: "My unicycle has broken down and I've left my red nose in the box."

England have been unsure how seriously to take him. He has twice been dropped from the one-day side, most recently after sharing in the triumph of Sharjah last autumn.

England need not be distressed with more talk today of England sending in the clouds; the successful pinch-hitter, by definition, reduces doctrines about safe beginnings to absurdity.

He had no need to concern himself when Smith, Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana emerged as Sri Lanka's jokers in the last World Cup, laughter rang around the clubs and bars of Colombo. In the right circumstances, it can be a wonderful sound.



Opening flurry... Alastair Brown takes the long handle on his way to a dashing 59 at Headingley

ADRIAN MURPHY

## Jabs for Thorpe as he fights to be back for Cup tie

GRAHAM THORPE's troublesome back problem, which forced him out of the Texaco Trophy series against South Africa, was yesterday confirmed, as a disc injury.

The Surrey batsman, who first sustained back spasms in the opening one-day international against West Indies in March, suffered a recurrence on Wednesday while practising for the first Trophy game with South Africa.

Thorpe, the only batsman in the current England set-up to average more than 40 in one-day internationals, underwent a scan which diagnosed the problem and he will now have injections to reduce the swelling and inflammation.

England's physiotherapist Wayne Morton said: "It's not too serious a problem and we expect Graham to make a full recovery."

Thorpe will also undertake exercises designed to

strengthen his lower back in an attempt to recover for Surrey's Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Lancashire at The Oval on Wednesday, and he is expected to be fit for the first Test with South Africa at Edgbaston on June 4.

Chris Lewis has joined Leicestershire's injury list and is doubtful for the AKA League game against Hampshire at Grace Road today.

The all-rounder travelled

from Headingley yesterday to have treatment on a hip problem which put him out of the final Trophy match.

He could also be doubtful for Leicestershire's Benson and Hedges Cup tie with Kent at Grace Road on Wednesday.

The fast bowler David Mills also looks certain to miss the Kent game because he is still in hospital, where he was taken on Thursday suffering an ear infection.

## County Championship

Sussex v Derbyshire

# Sussex left cursing an unholy spin

Paul Weaver at Horsham

THERE is a pretty churchyard beside the cricket ground here and for much of this match the bowlers have viewed the pitch as an extension of same. For two days the trundlers had been moaning about shirt fronts and featherbeds, yesterday we had the batsmen muttering darkly about minefields and spitting cobras.

Both departments of the game had a point. On Thursday and Friday the pitch was really too bland for good cricket, offering neither pace nor so much as a whispered promise of turn, even for the leg-spinner.

Yesterday, however, it seemed to turn against one of the bowlers' footmarks and life was particularly difficult for the left-handers at the town end and the right-handers at the railway end. Derbyshire, chasing 107 for victory from a minimum of 58 overs, won their second match of the season by seven wickets with 40 minutes to spare and were grateful that they were not required to score 50 more. Eleven wickets fell in the day, all to the spinners.

Sussex, 268 behind on the first innings, resumed yesterday on 167 for two, needing another 101 to make Derbyshire bat again with Wasim Khan, unbeaten on 80, and Michael Bevan (54) needing to get on to protect the suspect batting below them.

They did bat on, each scoring a maiden first-class century for the club and taking their third-wicket stand to 192. But both presented their wickets to the Derbyshire bowlers when at least one needed to continue playing into the tall shadows.

Wasim, who had made 70 in

the first innings, this time managed 126. Having dropped Kim Barnett on 22 and then watched him reach 162, he ended the match narrowly in credit. His fifth first-class century, reached when he cut Simon Lacey behind square for four, was another composed and relaxed affair but his eyes became a little too big when Barnett came on to bowl and he immediately swatted him to deep mid-wicket at 255. He had batted for four-and-a-half hours.

James Carpenter, who is now in danger of losing his place to the returning Chris Adams, was fourth out at 303 and at 325, with the lead still only 57. Derbyshire suddenly realised they could win when Bevan was bowled out of the footmarks as he attempted to change lanes.

The middle and lower order of the Sussex batting proved every bit as brittle as the locals feared in the conditions. The last six wickets fell for 49 runs and the off-spinner Ian Blackwell, the leg-spinner Barnett and Phil DeFreitas, in off-spin mode, were the successful bowlers on the day.

When Derbyshire batted again Adrian Rollins and Michael Slater soon had 76 on the board. But then three wickets went down for six runs and the Sussex batsmen were wishing they had survived for just another half hour. But it is difficult on a minefield.

Mark Butcher, the acting captain, carried his bat for 109 but could not prevent Surrey from crashing to a 165-run defeat by Somerset at Taunton. Set 411 to win the visitors perished for 245, despite Butcher's 246-ball defiance, as the teenage left-arm seamer Matt Bullock took three for 48 to complete his first class debut with match figures of six for 100.

## Crawley keeps his form going

Rob Steen

FOR some reason that nobody can put their finger on — lack of self-belief? assertiveness are the most popular bets — John Crawley has yet to fulfil the expectations of those who feel he should command an England place as of right. Lancashire, however, are unlikely to complain if, as anticipated, he spends this summer slumming it in the shires, as yesterday's comprehensive win at Cheshamford emphasised.

Crawley has been in fine fettle and it was his unbeaten 64 that ushered Lancashire to victory by seven wickets, their first championship success of the summer. They resumed on 107 for three yesterday after Mike Watkinson (five for 45) had cut through the Essex second innings on Saturday and Crawley, accompanied by Glen Chapple, ensured the spoils without further alarm.

In stark contrast, Yorkshire's West country hoodoo continued at King's School, Gloucester, where they suffered their fifth consecutive defeat against Gloucestershire.

In keeping with previous humblings — by 324 runs, nine wickets, 10 wickets and 154 runs — David Byas and his charges went down with a sizeable bump, losing by 300 runs. Given that their former England all-rounder Craig White had picked up a career-best eight for 55 on the opening day, including a hat-trick, this was no mean achievement.

Resuming on 136 for five, still 379 shy of their nominal victory target, Yorkshire succumbed inside two hours, adding a further 78 as Martyn Ball (four for 72) claimed a place in the table, from third to fourth.

Jon Lewis (72) was the only visiting batsman to reach 40 as Durham reacquired themselves with terra familiar following last week's win over Essex.

## Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

# Lara's lads in knots again

John Beaumont at Edgbaston

BRIAN LARA must be heartily sick of the sight of Nottinghamshire. Two weeks ago their stubborn batting cost Warwickshire a place in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals on run rate, yesterday at Edgbaston they centred to a six-wicket victory to inflict a first home championship defeat on Warwickshire since September 1996.

As Nottinghamshire were the only side to beat Warwickshire in the championship in 1994, Lara's previous season in county cricket, they claimed a unique double though they will attach more significance to the way they achieved their first championship victory of the summer.

Stubbish half-centuries by the left-handed youngsters Usman Azeem (78 not out) and

Matthew Dowman (63) made light work of a victory target of 193 on a difficult pitch. It has taken Dowman a long time to justify the rave reviews that accompanied his 287 against the West Indies in a Youth Test in 1996, but he turned potential into performance as the only Nottinghamshire batsman to score 1,000 Championship runs last summer.

Here he played two restrained, disciplined innings, batting for six hours and 21 minutes in laying the foundations for only Nottinghamshire's third win against county opposition in any competition this summer. His innings yesterday spanned 58 overs and Azeem also curbed his natural attacking instincts in batting through 66 overs to see Nottinghamshire home 45 minutes after lunch.

The pitch, which played so many tricks on the first three days, had flattened out a little

but the occasional delivery still kept low. It said much for Dalman and Azeem's shot selection that the only chance offered came shortly before Dalman edged Mohammed Sheikh to Lara at first slip with Nottinghamshire 61 from victory.

Warwickshire's seamers struggled to get as much out of the pitch as their opponents, but two flimsy batting performances left them with little room for manoeuvre.

Warwickshire's first innings of 130 was woefully inadequate and they surrendered the initiative seized by Lara and Michael Powell when they lost seven second-innings wickets for 48 on Saturday. "If we are going to play cricket at this level we have got to put bigger totals on the board," Lara said.

"Having lost two championship games already we know that we can't really afford to lose another."

## Middlesex v Worcestershire

# Ramprakash's twin reminder

David Foot at Unbridge

FEW can doubt that Mark Ramprakash is one of our most adept technical batsmen. In that quietly elegant way of his, devoid of showy party tricks or muscular blows, he yesterday scored his second hundred of the match — also his eighth at this ground — and surely made an undeniable claim for the first Test in 10 days.

Here he reached his century with a boundary, his 17th, off a no-ball. Yet whatever the anodyne nature of the pitch and thankless endeavours of the bowlers, Ramprakash's innings was one of merit. The feet were always impeccably placed; the wayward ball was caressed away rather than belted.

There was never much sign of error or merest misjudgment. So his dismissal, after 94 hours and 153 balls, was a

distinct surprise. Vikram Solanki, an under-used off-spinner with a model loop and bearing willingness to induce batsmen to go after him, suddenly opted for variety. The faster ball lacked line and was perhaps his worst. Ramprakash, caught in confusion, dabbed haplessly and gazed back in anguish as the ball arced off bat and pad for the simplest of slip catches.

Later, his mentor, Mike Gatting, was 88 not out when Middlesex declared at 5.20pm. A result had always been remote but there was hope that the soon-to-depart Gatting might reach his hundred. It was still more than twice his best this season and he seemed to be mischievously disabusing us from penning his cricketing obituary yet.

Justin Langer, strong in the forearm and positively laden with runs while pulling as only an Aussie left-hander can, was one of the game's six

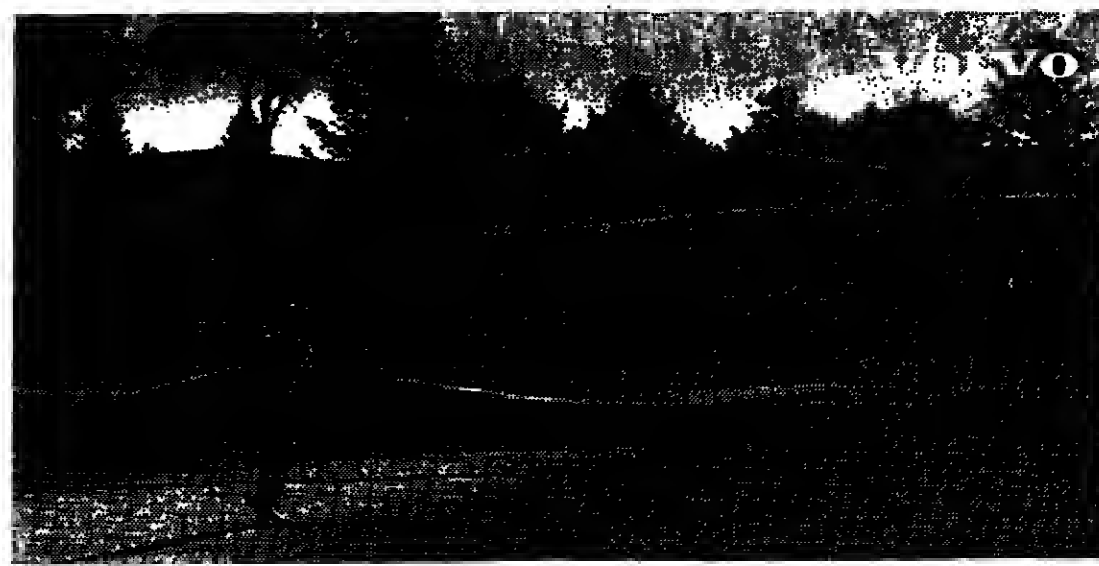
century makers. He was also out unpredictably, bowled round his legs by Gavin Haynes after hitting 19 boundaries.

The parkland anra had none either of the structured claustrophobia or grandeur of Lord's. Neither did it offer too much of a contest, leaving a succession of bowlers with as little realistic chance as an intrepid hedgehog venturing out on the adjacent M40. Later in the day, Owais Shah was run out by a direct throw from Haynes after being called for a single, and then David Nash was bowled as he tried to sweep.

But they were relatively meaningless events, even if they added to the disappointment for the Middlesex spectators. The few here saw Gatting ultimately decide to prefer a dignified straight bat for an over or two rather than parade an adventurous, valedictory blade.

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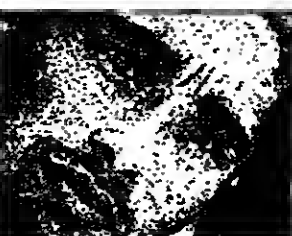
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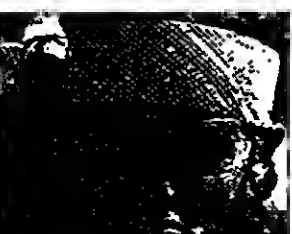
**Pete Sampras**  
Age 26  
Turned pro 1988  
Career titles 54  
French Open 1998 2r; 1991 2r; 1992 qf; 1993 qf; 1994 qf; 1995 1r; 1996 sf; 1997 3r

Since being voted "The best player of the last 25 years" he has gone into a mini-decline. The beginning of the end? Few dare say so. "I don't want to make winning the French too obsessive," he says — knowing that, if he never wins at Roland Garros he will never stand on tennis's Everest with the all-time greats.



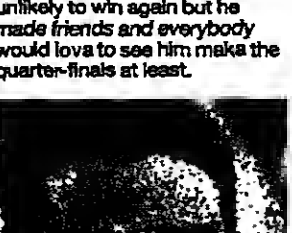
**Martina Hingis**  
Age 17  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 18  
French Open 1995 3r; 1996 3r; 1997 1r

Lost last year's final, the one Grand Slam title to elude her. Fell off her horse beforehand and was not fully fit. Pressure is mounting from the Williams sisters as well as Kournikova, with Hingis's fighting weight a recurring doubt. Best tactical brain on the circuit and a burning desire to win in Paris.



**Marcelo Rios**  
Age 22  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 9  
French Open 1994 2r; 1995 2r; 1996 4r; 1997 4r

The Chilean has the power, finesse and speed to win at a canter. Since losing the Australian Open final to Petr Korda he has been virtually invincible, winning at Indian Wells, Key Biscayne and Rome, where Albert Costa pulled out of the final. Has matured temperamentally but an elbow injury in April gives cause for concern.



**Gustavo Kuerten**  
Age 21  
Turned pro 1995  
Career titles 1  
French Open 1996 1r; 1997 won

Came from nowhere (Brazil, actually) last year to win the title at his second attempt. "Guga" retains his carefree attitude on and off court but admits to a "wandering mind". He is unlikely to win again but he made friends and everybody would love to see him make the quarter-finals at least.



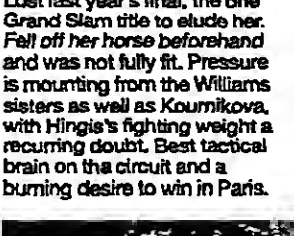
**Alex Corretja**  
Age 24  
Turned pro 1991  
Career titles 5  
French Open 1992 1r; 1993 1r; 1994 3r; 1995 4r; 1996 2r; 1997 4r

The Spaniard's train and precise together and help to push each other towards the top. Corretja is currently their leading player, though any one of five or six is capable of reaching the final at Roland Garros on Sunday week. Last year it was Sergi Bruguera, who had won the title in 1993 and 1994. This year it could be Corretja's turn.



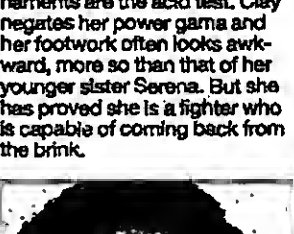
**Venus Williams**  
Age 17  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 2  
French Open 1997 2r

Has beaten Hingis twice this year but the Grand Slam tournaments are the acid test. Clay negates her power game and her footwork often looks awkward, more so than that of her younger sister Serena. But she has proved she is a fighter who is capable of coming back from the brink.



**Arantxa Sanchez Vicario**  
Age 25  
Turned pro 1986  
Career titles 25  
French Open 1987 qf; 1988 qf; 1989 won; 1990 2r; 1991 1r; 1992 sf; 1993 sf; 1994 won; 1995 1r; 1996 1r; 1997 qf

Still only 26 but struggling to keep on terms with the younger generation. Extremely competitive on clay, where she chases everything down, and delivers her infamous moonballs in times of trouble. Twice winner and runner-up three times.



**Iva Majoli**  
Age 20  
Turned pro 1991  
Career titles 9  
French Open 1993 4r; 1994 4r; 1995 qf; 1996 qf; 1997 won

The holder, written off prior to beating an exhausted Hingis in last year's final. Has struggled this year and has another more powerful Croatian, the 16-year-old Mirjana Lucic (out with chicken pox), pounding in her footsteps. Might reach the final again, might not make the second week.

## Game for a laugh when making the best of the rest

### FAIR GAME

Julie Welch

As a football reporter in the Seventies I sometimes had to write the round-up. This consisted of a couple of back-page columns covering those matches to which the sports editor had not assigned an individual scribe. They were usually between middle-of-the-table sides whose drab existence had to be acknowledged as a sop to readers in Peterborough or Fife. The task could not compare with being at Anfield to watch Liverpool clinch a record number of championships or at Wembley to see Ipswich stuff Arsenal in the Cup. On the other hand it was a reprieve from the weekly struggle to arrive home unmolested after sharing a three-hour train journey with six carriage-loads of rampaging supporters. I would get to the office around half past one and devote most of the afternoon to drinking tea and reading the papers while waiting for the league programme to snaffle into action.

Successful execution of the round-up depended on two large metal-cased machines hired from Extel and the Press Association. As the afternoon wore on they would cough into life, spewing out vast amounts of discoloured paper covered with jerkily typed reports of every fixture and staccato bulletins of the latest goals.

These were dispatched by anonymous journalists from press boxes the length and breadth of the land and, as they had to be composed in the white heat of live play, they often lacked the polish given to more considered reporting. Demented by the pressure of his accelerating flow of deadlines, a perspiring hack would précis half an hour of sizzling goalmouth action into the phrase, "End-to-end play ensued". As a result a popular expression among gentlemen of the sports desk at that time when describing conquests of the previous night was, "And then end-to-end play ensued".

These ephemeral nuggets of the sportswriter's art even had headlines. Though one had to look to other sports for the really interesting ones: "Davidson Makes One Ball Lift"; "One-Armed Golf Title Changes Hands"; "Chinese Lacquer My Tip".

The agencies even had a round-up man of their own, hammering away in some darkened bunker as the first edition approached. Charlton's improvement was not maintained against Middlesbrough but they can be excused; the team were struck by gastroenteritis. Meanwhile Millwall's trouble at Derby was partly due to the wind.

Reports were dictated to a central bank of typists whose efforts were relayed directly to the newsroom. In a mood of hysteria or bored malice the typists regularly relayed such information as "Matches off, Leeds v Liverpool — snout on pitch" and "Referee Arthur Holland gave a free kick for elbows on the halfway line". And oh, how we laughed at what they made of "ruck".

One dispatch I particularly cherished was from the days when Manchester City had a serious football team: "Just before the break Bell with a golden chance to equalise headed wife." It is a shame for Paul Gascoigne that developments in communications technology have cut out these lapses, otherwise he could have blamed Sheryl's black eyes on a typesetting error.

On the subject of Gascoigne I was recalling the early years of television soap opera, when dumber viewers came to believe that characters in Crossroads, say, were real people. After reading headlines such as GAZZA LEFT US DOWN I wonder if there is some confusion between Paul Gascoigne, footballer, and Gazza, the character he plays in the long-standing soap England's Build-up To The World Cup.

"There's trouble all round for Gazza when a night out with his mates gets out of hand and Mum and Dad — hravura performances by Eileen Drewery and Glenn Hoddle — cut his kabab allowance and order him back to live in the family home. Meanwhile mother-in-law Bobby Robson takes him to task for irresponsible behaviour and wonders why he can't be more like that nice Greame Le Saux."

Anyway I hope Paul Gascoigne, as opposed to Gazza, surmounts his present existential crisis and makes it into the last 22. If anyone can make one ball lift, it is he.

## Through the pane barrier to the power of four



World beaters... Cracknell, Redgrave, Foster and Pinsent last year

### CENTRE STAGE

Pete Nichols

IF CHANGE were as good as a rest, the most rested crew at rowing's World Cup in Munich this weekend would be Britain's coxed four. The first round of the World Cup will be the anniversary of the famous four's first competitive outing. A year before that they were the famous two. To be charitable, in this outing they will be the famous three.

The fourth member of the most illustrious crew in world rowing is Luka Grubor, who once finished ninth in the World Championships in a coxed four for Croatia. As he will be seated behind a man with two Olympic gold medals and in front of another with four, he could be forgiven for feeling anonymous.

Grubor — not to be confused with the coach Jürgen Grottel — was drafted in last month when Tim Foster, who had made an immediate impact when the quartet was formed in January 1997, cut tendons in his hand. Foster put his hand through a pane of glass. It was not the most sensible thing for a world champion oarsman to do and he has offered no explanation. "It's irrelevant how he did it," says Matthew Pinsent, the one with two Olympic golds, who offers a worst-case scenario of six months off for Foster but hopes for sooner.

Foster's mishap was ill-timed. It provided a second anxiety for a crew whose only worry in their first summer on the water had been whether they had made the whole adventure of international rowing look far too easy. Of course they had arrived in the new boat with a man who had made rowing look far too easy for 13 years.

Steve Redgrave, famously self-penned as "just a boy from Marlborough who won a few races", took to the coxed four in Los Angeles (his first gold), the coxed pair with Andrew Holmes in Seoul (his next gold) and the coxed pair with Pinsent in Barcelona and Atlanta (his next two golds). The only event he could not do was sculling and, if you want to see the great man's head drop, tell him if you dare that he is a lousy sculler.

So last summer no one was surprised when Redgrave, with Pinsent, Foster and James Cracknell, drove a coach and four through world rowing instead of a coach and two. They won the World Cup in Munich on the first day of June, leaving the Germans almost a stroke behind. They won in Paris at the second World Cup three weeks later, with the French crew little more than a canvas adrift and full of high ideas. They won in Lucerne, when it always counts, a stroke clear of the Romanians with the French, dreams floundering, in third. "Don't ever let them believe they can beat you," said Pinsent, as the undefeated reign in pairs or fours stretched into a seventh year.

At the World Championships in Aiguebelette it was evident the new quartet had cast the same old shadow over the opposition. One began to believe that they could not just row on water but dance on it. The French on home territory reversed the Lucerne placings with the Romanians but some time after the winning klaxon had sounded for Pinsent, Foster, Redgrave and Cracknell.

That was still summer, although autumn was drawing in. The first anxiety, after Aiguebelette, caused a wintry chill. Redgrave, at 35 the most powerful endurance athlete in British sport, was diagnosed as diabetic.

There were no parallels. Gary Mabbutt was always the first name mentioned but

playing football does not make a man an endurance athlete, not even at Spurs. The early problem for Redgrave was getting the blood sugar balanced, so that his body could handle the training. "The first six to eight weeks was difficult; it became a new discipline for Steve," says Pinsent, as if they did not have enough already.

An injury at two in the boat, a diabetic at three: if one knew no better one would rule them out. Last month there was a trial for Foster's place, but not of strength. The crew trained with Simon Dennis for a week, who was big and strong enough to win on power alone, and they trained with Grubor, who was not. The 24-year-old Grubor had previously rowed for Yugoslavia, as a junior, and Croatia. His English, nevertheless, is perfect. He has British citizenship to go with it and, maybe most important of all, was offered the vacant seat in the boat.

If Grubor had rubbed a lamp, he could not have had dreams more sweetly realised. Pinsent offers the antidote. "It's a poisoned chalice as well. It's a pressure seat and, if it doesn't go well, people will be quick to blame..."

Quick to blame or slow to believe? Redgrave and Pinsent in one boat or another have been inseparable since 1981. "It's been a good seven or eight years," says Pinsent, "but you don't want to look back until it's all over." If they lose in Munich, they will lose not just a World Cup race but their immunity to defeat.

On the road to Sydney and what would be a first gold for Cracknell and Foster (or Grubor), a third for the remarkable Pinsent and a fifth for the bloody magnificent Redgrave, Munich could be a milestone. "Everyone in the rowing world is thinking that, if there is a time to beat them, it is now," says Pinsent, adopting the royal prerogative of using the third person about himself and the crew. About anyone else it might sound pretentious.

## Climbing the ladder



tetchy, taut 90 minutes in the sultry evening it was the extra-time Matt Busby reminded his United team: "First hold the ball and then just keep passing it to each other."

United did just that and then bore down on the goalkeeper Henrique. In the end, with Bobby Charlton's second goal and one each from George Best and the callow Brian Kidd, a glorious 4-1 cued impassioned celebrations on the pitch. It was 10 years and three months since Busby and United's first serious challenge for the same trophy had been obliterated in the

freezing slush of a Munich runaway.

The winning goals, rather like Sir Ivor's win a few hours earlier, had come in a voluptuous, eruptive spasm at the last. Had the genius of Piggott not kept his nag on a tight rein almost throughout, it would never have happened. Nor would United and Busby have tearfully celebrated their destiny had not the unsung goalkeeper Alex Stepney that night reined in Benfica's renowned goalscorer Eusebio with three minutes of normal time remaining. Now 55, the goalkeeper

remembers: "Exactly seven days earlier I had been at Wembley to win my only full England cap (against Sweden), so it was a week to cherish for ever all right." United had played Benfica in a Los Angeles friendly the year before and Stepney had noted the great Eusebio's propensity for scoring "dramatic net-busters" to make the behind-goal cameraman cover.

"In the first half at Wembley he had beaten me all ends up with an unexpected fierce long shot which I thought was going over, but his topspin had it

dipping and crashing against the bar behind me. To Eusebio a 'great' goal was always better than a simple one and I honestly thought of that as he was clear through at the very end of normal time.

"I half-fainted to come further out to meet him, thinking 'he can chip me or gently slot it to my left or right and all three ways I haven't an earthly. But keep crouched and ready for him to blast it and you've got a chance.'" Eusebio slipped the safety-catch and smashed his world-beater straight at Stepney. The intrepid goalkeeper clung

on. 1-1 it stayed and, seemingly in the same blink, extra-time was called.

United and half London parted at the Russell Hotel. The other half packed Guest's Derby hooly in the Great Room at the Savoy, where both parties seemed to merge around dawn. Stepney was due to go to Germany and the Nations' Cup that morning with Ramsey's England. "Sir Alf had warned us to get to bed early," he recalls, "but I ended up at Danny La Rue's night-club. Well, you just had to unwind after a day like that, didn't you?"







Golf

# Ballesteros is back on charge

David Davies sees the charismatic Spaniard ad-libbing as of old and threatening Montgomerie's leading ambitions at Wentworth

**C**OLIN Montgomerie, well accustomed to winning, leads the Volvo PGA Championship here after three rounds and he can look down the leader-board at names that impress even him.

The Scot, after a seven-under-par 65 for an 11-under-205, leads by one from the unfamiliar Dean Robertson of Scotland, but two shots behind is Ernie Els and three behind a certain Severiano Ballesteros.

"When that name is on the leader-board," said Monty of Seve, "you know that anything can happen, and probably will. He's the most talented and charismatic golfer who has ever played."

As for Els, Montgomerie was scarcely less complimentary. "I've had my moments with Ernie. He's there again, he's always there; he's the best player in the world."

Montgomerie has lost a World Match Play Championship final to Els here and a play-off for this championship to Ballesteros, who hit what was voted "the shot of the year" to achieve it. The Scot has yet to win this event, which he rates as his sixth most important of the year behind the Masters and the Players Championship in America.

If he achieves the 68 needed

for 15 under, which is his estimate of what it will take to win, he should be holding the trophy aloft this evening.

There is still no flatter sight in golf than Seve under full sail, striding imperiously from the waist and the chin juts like an over-proud prizefighter offering an inferior opponent a free shot. He gives the impression of owning not just the golf course, but golf.

He loves the crowds and the opportunities they afford for drama; no one has ever played up to a gallery more than he, or enjoyed it more.

Yesterday he played the

18th rather poorly, hitting a drive into the rough and a 3-wood second into more rough, leaving him with a 40-yard chip to the green. As chips go, however, this was about as easy as they get.

Lying well, he had a bunker to carry but then had probably 30 yards of green with which to work. It was a dodgy for any self-respecting professional, let alone one of golf's all-time geniuses with the wedge. Seve, though, first produced a long, loopy look at the lie, which said to those who could not see: "This could be difficult."

Then he marched forward 20 or so yards and took another long, loopy look at the green, regarding it as man might a relief map of the Himalayas rather than the lovingly crafted, perfect putting

surface produced by the greenkeeper Chris Kennedy. "This," he was saying, "could be even more difficult."

Finally, after half a dozen practice swings, he hit this perfectly straightforward chip to six feet and holed the birdie putt. The moment the ball dropped, thousands of arms went into the air in applause this unbelievable feat. Seve loved every second of it.

That putt was the last of only 22 used by Ballesteros during a round that contained all the old ingredients — the drive into the deep trees, the simple mid-iron from the fairway into the sand and half a dozen truly difficult chips conjured close to the pin by the man with the softest hands in the game.

"It felt great to be under par again," he said. "My golf was

very unpredictable and people like to see that. It makes me happy to give some pleasure. It has always been that way. I wish I could be as steady as Nick Faldo but I think that, if he played like me, he would be in trouble."

Ballesteros began as he meant to go on, with a drive into the trees at the 1st, but got his par. He drove into the trees again at the 3rd and dropped a shot, which provoked an eagle at the next through a 3-wood, 4-iron and 15ft putt at the 501-yard hole. Seven more birdies were to follow and two more visits to the trees. "It is like the old days, eh?" he said with a grin.

It was, and that is the trouble, for the old days are only rarely revisited now. The last 68 was in the first round of the Lancôme Trophy last

September, which came after a run of 14 missed cuts in 16 tournaments.

He was asked if this round was the answer to those who thought he was finished. "If people think I am finished, what can I do? They are probably right but... (pause) they could be wrong."

In that case, can he win this tournament? He gave us a rough translation of a Spanish phrase but, had he been addressing a home audience, he would have said: "No vendas la piel del oso antes de cazarlo." In other words, "Don't sell the skin of the bear before going hunting."



Montgomerie... seeking a 68

Cycling

## Briton revives killer instinct

William Fotheringham

**F**OR Chris Boardman this was the weekend when famine became feast. Having failed to win a race since last July the Wizzal rider crossed the line first in the opening two stages of the Prudential Tour of Britain to take a serious option on overall victory when the race finishes in London on Sunday.

Although Boardman has not been in form all this season, his victory in the opening prologue time-trial in Stirling was no surprise: the can leader is the world's leading specialist in this type of short, sharp effort against the clock, even if he was adamant the race organisers had done him no favours by placing the finish of the 2.6 miles at the top of the steep cobbled climb to the gates of the castle.

Yesterday, however, when he flew up to the finish in Newcastle's Grey Street at the end of the 129 miles from Edinburgh, Boardman took only his second road race victory since he turned professional in 1994, and he surprised himself as much as his six breakaway companions.

"I caught them napping," he said. With three laps of a circuit in the centre of Newcastle to cover, Boardman was able to pick his spot and make his final attack with two miles to the line knowing that the best sprinter in the group, George Hincapié of America, was watching his team-mate Stuart O'Grady.

It is the first time in his professional career that Boardman has shown the cunning and killer instinct of the true road racer. Thirty-five of the other 36 victories on his CV have come in time-trials and his only previous professional win in a road race dates back to June 1994.

"Physically I felt better today, I told the team I was feeling stronger and would be able to ride at the front," he said afterwards. "If I have the same sensations tomorrow, this could be a turning point, but it doesn't matter what happens now, because I've got something in the bag."

Crucially, while Boardman's win in Saturday's time-trial left him defending a lead of only 2sec over Hincapié, his victory yesterday means three climbs in the Border hills consolidated his grip on the race leader's red jersey.

On the ProTour each day's stage winner has 10 seconds deducted, while other honours are on offer for intermediate sprints. Hincapié, on paper a far better sprinter, failed to take the smaller bonuses on offer for second and third place and dropped to 2sec behind Boardman.

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Rugby League

Super League: Halifax 16 St Helens 10

## Pearson puts boot into Saints

Andy Wilson

**I**T IS time to take Halifax's top-five credentials seriously after they followed up their win at Bradford the previous weekend with a victory yesterday that lifted them into fourth place, two points clear of St Helens.

Their latest success should have been a good deal more comfortable. They missed a number of excellent try-scoring chances and their otherwise impressive stand-off Chris Chester succeeded with only one of four kicks at goal.

It was only the introduction of Martin Pearson at full-back that secured the points. Pearson, who at Featherstone gained a reputation as one of the game's most reliable kickers, has been squeezed out of Halifax's starting 13 by the South African Jamie Elsom. But he landed three goals from as many attempts and may have forced the coach John Pendlebury to rethink.

However, some of his team-mates had greater claims for praise. The veteran Gary Mercer was a constant strength in the second row. Gavin Clinch was sharp at scrum-half, and the loose forward Martin Moana scored a superb individual try, leaving Earle Hammond floundering with a sidestep.

Fereti Tullagi, a bundle of

energy on the right wing, had scored Halifax's first-half try after good work from Moana. But Saints, who had earlier taken the lead when Paul Sculthorpe charged through Des Clark, went ahead again on the stroke of half-time when Paul Newlove sent Anthony Sullivan clear.

However, Saints were second best in the second half, which they had to negotiate without Sculthorpe. He had suffered a suspected broken sternum after a clash with Kelvin Skerrett that had infuriated Saints' coach Shaun McKee, although he was in no mood for excuses.

"We have guys being paid a lot of money but don't seem to be handling the pressure very well," he said. "It's an ego-centric thing. They think just because we're not playing Wigan, Leeds or Bradford they are going to win. And that's not just the players. It's the whole club and the whole town."

McKee knows that, after this week's appointment of his predecessor Eric Hughes as football operations manager, details at places such as Halifax could cost him his job.

Halifax Bloom: Tullagi, Gibson, Bouvier, Powell, Chester, Clinch, Harrison, Howley, Skerrett, Mercer, Clark, Sculthorpe, Seabrook, Marshall, Ollie, Pearson, Mercer.

St Helens: Williamson, C Smith, D Smith, Newlove, Sullivan, Long, Goulding, Goldsmith, Cunningham, Hall, Joynt, Sculthorpe, Hammond, Seabrook, Davidson, Perrelli, Morgan, Leigh, Raftery, R Connolly (Wigan).



Itchen to succeed... leisure boats mob Merit Cup as she crosses the line to win the final leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race

## Merit wins leg but Language has last word

Bob Fisher joins the welcome as the Whitbread fleet comes home in the Solent

**S**ECOND place on the second leg was more than enough for Paul Cayard and the crew of EF Language to win the Whitbread Round the World Race. They improved their points standing on this leg to take the Volvo Trophy by a massive 138 points.

EF Language will be the last Whitbread winner, the race ownership changing to Volvo on June 1.

The last leg was Grant Dalton's. Racing in his fifth Whitbread, the former winner said this was the toughest he had sailed but that

people were in Ocean Village to welcome them.

Dalton said of Cayard: "He deserved to win; we could never have won because of the way we were set up. The basis of the EF programme was a really fast boat and a sail development that beat us all."

The big masthead-reaching spinnakers, which were pioneered by Team EF, worked against Merit Cup. "We didn't have the stability to use it properly," Dalton admitted.

Cayard, who finished 15 minutes after Dalton, could

afford to grin. When he left Southampton last September he was a neophyte in this type of ocean racing but he proved a quick learner. He won the first leg and two others to put the outcome beyond much doubt by the end of the fifth leg, and he sailed otherwise with a conservative strategy.

Ten minutes after EF Language arrived, Knut Frostad sailed innovation Kvaerner across the line in the River Itchen for third place and fourth overall, edging out Lawrie Smith's

Silk Cut, the next to finish, by three points. Silk Cut, since her dismantling, has been dramatically improved and had she finished the Southern Ocean leg, where the mast came down, she would have been second.

Going out of La Rochelle, Gunnar Krantz's Swedish Match was second but she lost this on the final leg. "Swedish Match never got out of the blocks on this leg," explained Dalton while Krantz said: "I hope Dalton is hating Lawrie's crew dinner tonight." But for the intervention of Silk Cut, Krantz would have been overall runner-up.

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## Crompton fails to buck Broncos

**L**ONDON produced their most convincing performance of the season against Salford Reds to earn their third Super League win. The Broncos won 21-12, having established a 14-0 lead in the first 17 minutes.

Despite a superb individual performance from Martin Crompton, who scored all Salford's first-half points, Andy Gregory's side always looked second best to a highly motivated home team.

The Broncos shrugged off the early loss of Martin O'Donnell, who was carried off after 10 minutes with what appeared to be a serious ankle injury.

Having led 14-8 at half-time through tries by Damien

Chapman and Darren Higgins, London clinched matters when Robbie Beadler put clear by Chapman for the Broncos' third try after an excellent break by Chris Ryan and Tuisen Tolett down the left wing.

Salford, though, still had time for the try of the match after an hour. Scott Martin sprinting 60 yards down the right touchline to score.

Maanwah Tony Smith, Wigan's international scrum-half, is facing a lengthy lay-off after suffering a knee injury in Friday night's victory over Huddersfield.

Smith will see a specialist this week to find out the extent of the damage. His injury is likely to hand a chance to Darryl Cardiss, a former Academy International full-back, in Sunday's game at Hull. Andy Farrell, who jumped out of Friday's game with a dead leg, is confident of trying.

The Sheffield coach John Kear had mixed news of his casualties from Saturday's 24-28 home defeat by Leeds. Steve Molloy will definitely be fit to face Halifax on Saturday while Rod Doyle hopes to play and Matt Crowther's knee injury appears to be less serious than feared when he was carried off. But Paul Carr, the industrialist's Astra, is aiming to regain the No. 1 spot from Pete Sampras.

Sport in brief

Tennis

Marcelo Rios completed his build-up to the French Open, which starts today, by collecting his fifth title of the year. The world No. 3 from Chile won the St Polten International in Austria yesterday, defeating the unseeded American Vince Spadea 6-2, 6-0. "This has been excellent preparation for Roland Garros and I can now count myself as one of the favourites for the French Open," said Rios, who is aiming to regain the No. 1 spot from Pete Sampras.

Ice Hockey

Two second-period goals in 84 seconds from Michael Grosek and Miroslav Satan steered the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-0 away victory over the Washington Capitals in the first game of their Stanley Cup semi-final series, writes Vic Batchelder. Their efforts were backed by another outstanding display from the net-minder Dominik Hasek, who made 19 saves.

Chess

Russia's Vlad Kramnik drew the favourable white pieces for the opening round of his 10-game final eliminator against Spain's Alexey Shirov to decide a challenger for Garry Kasparov's world title, writes Leonard Barden. The match at Cazorla, Spain, has been arranged by the World Chess Council, the latest in a series of matches set up by Kasparov in his battle with the long-established International Chess Federation. Kasparov, who has faced growing criticism for failing to play a title match since 1995, will meet his challenger in October over 16 games, also in Spain, for a prize fund of \$200,000.

Motor Sport

Britain's Mark Blundell finished in 10th place in the Motorola 300 in Madison, Illinois. Blundell's preparation was hampered when rain washed out the second day of qualifying for the sixth race of the CART series, which was won by the reigning champion Alex Zanardi.

Motor Rallying

### Argy-bargy costs McRae

**C**OLIN MCRAE was unsatisfied with fifth place on the Rally of Argentina, sensing no doubt that finishing at all was a victory of a kind after hitting a rock, writes David Williams in Cordoba.

McRae's efforts to fix his Subaru will no doubt pass into rallying legend. He removed the bent component and straightened it by hitting it with a rock. He not only got the car running again in time, but set the fastest time on all but one of the eight remaining special stages — no mean feat given that he ran into suspension and gearbox trouble, then hit a fence at 60 mph.

Tommi Makinen won the rally for the third time but Carlos Sainz took the championship lead, two points ahead of McRae, after clinching second place by 0.7sec.

Equestrianism

### Sizer selzes on turn of fate

**C**AROLINE SIZER on a chance ride, Barba's Star, landed her first three-day event victory in the Windsor Horse Trials yesterday, writes John Kerr.

Sizer, 34, from Norfolk, deputising on the nine-year-old mare for the injured owner Kate Leslie, was left ahead overnight when the leader Richard Waygood's Crackerjack III went lame after a faultless cross-country round on Saturday. Although apprehensive before yesterday's showjumping phase she kept the advantage with a clear in the arena.

The New Zealander Andrew Nicholson was a close second on King Leo, with Steven James, who took up eventing only this season, less than a point behind in third on Streetwise IV. Polly Clark took the Masterpiece section on The Tonks Toy.

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3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.05 BONUSPHOTO FILLES' HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.35 BONUSPRINT HENRY II STAKES

201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT TEMPLE STAKES

301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310

3.45 DOUBLEPRINT WHITSUN CUP RATED HANDICAP

401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410

4.15 EBF MAIDEN FILLES' STAKES 2YO

501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510
501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510

4.45 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP 3YO

601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610
601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610

5.20 SUNRISE RACING HANDICAP

701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710
701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710

5.50 SUNRISE RACING HANDICAP

801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810
801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810

2.30 ST MELLONS STAKES

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.00 ST BRIAVELS MAIDEN STAKES

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.30 ST ARVANS NOVICE STAKES 3YO

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

4.05 EBF ST ATHAN FILLES' HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

4.35 ST WEONARDS SELLING STAKES 2YO

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

5.05 ST BRIDES FILLES' HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

Racing

Graham Rock sees an apprentice rider put up a polished performance to triumph in the Irish 1,000 Guineas

# Tarascon comes out on the right side

TARASCON overcame her aversion to starting stalls to win the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh yesterday in the hands of apprentice Jamie Spencer. The 17-year-old, having his first ride in a Classic, brought Tommy Stack's filly fast and late to beat Kitea by a neck.

In the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket Tarascon had trailed in last after kicking out in the stalls and injuring her hind legs. Yesterday, fitted with a hood for stalls entry, she was reluctant but eventually the handlers managed to load her successfully.

Settled towards the rear,

Tarascon improved in the straight to take the lead 75 yards from the line. Godolphin's La Nutt Rose had every chance in the closing stages and finished two lengths further back in third.

The disappointments of the race were Shahtoush and Cloud Castle, second and fourth respectively at Newmarket. Yesterday they finished 10th and eighth, suggesting that Cape Verdi's impressive victory might not have been quite the spectacular performance it seemed at the time.

Stack said that Tarascon had also injured herself on the flight to Newmarket, having been frightened by Concorde, and although his winner held entries for the Oaks at Epsom, Chantilly and the Curragh, she was most likely to run for the domestic Classic in July.

"I said to Jamie that this was just an ordinary race, and if she runs badly there is no panic. He did it very well," said the winning trainer.

Earlier Dayami, acquired by Godolphin last autumn, won his first race for his new owners when beating Stage Affair by a length and a half in the Tattersalls Gold Cup. He stayed 10 furlongs well at his first attempt over the distance, and will now be prepared for the Prince of Wales's Stakes and the Coral-Eclipse.

Flight (Samraan held in third) at Newmarket first time out this season, but runner-up took his revenge in the Yorkshire Cup. Forced to make his own running at that occasion over a mile and three-quarters, Kitean Fallon probably set too modest a pace. Back at two miles, Persian Punch should be in his element.

Refuse To Lose (3.45) is worth an interest in the competitive Doubleprint Whitsun Cup. This progressive colt is one of the best performers on all-weather surfaces, but all-weather he is capable of running well on turf when dividing High Spirits and Captain Scott in the Thirk Hunt Cup. Since then he has been impressive in victory on the Equitrac at Lingfield, and can follow up at the expense of For Your Eyes Only and Labey.

Captain Scott (3.55) found the Thirk Hunt Cup at Redcar now that he is racing over his optimum distance.

Josh Gifford yesterday announced that Philip Hyde will be his stable jockey next season. The trainer is not actively seeking a replacement for the rider, who has been first jockey at Findon since Declan Murphy's retirement.

## Redcar runners and riders

GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.15 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.15 YARM NOVICE STAKES 2YO

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.45 BANK HOLIDAY SELLING STAKES

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.20 VAUX MAMON STAKES 3YO

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

Huntingdon (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.00 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.00 CONDITIONALS' SELLING HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.30 NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.05 HANDICAP HURDLE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

Cartmel (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.00 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.00 SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.35 NOVICE CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.10 HANDICAP CHASE (AMATEURS)

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

## Leicester programme

GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.15 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.20 SROW HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.55 ANSTEY SELLING HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.25 NOTHAMS ROYALS SERIES HANDICAP

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.35 MAIDEN HURDLE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

4.05 MAIDEN HURDLE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

4.35 NOVICE CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

5.05 OPEN HIL FLAT RACE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

Fontwell (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.00 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

2.00 JUVENILE HURDLE 4YO

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.30 SELLING HANDICAP CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.00 HANDICAP HURDLE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

## Wetherby (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.15 Bold Time	Volley
2.30 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Enfield	Enfield
3.45 Enfield	Enfield
4.15 Enfield	Enfield
4.45 Enfield	Enfield
5.20 Enfield	Enfield

3.50 HANDICAP CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

4.20 HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs)

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

2.45 NOVICE CHASE

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

3.15 CLAIMING HURDLE



Uttoxeter (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.10	2.10
2.40	2.40
3.15	3.15
3.50	3.50
4.20	4.20
4.50	4.50
5.25	5.25

2.10	MAIDEN CHASE	2m 11.0yds 22.827 (10 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

2.40	HANDICAP HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 23.761 (8 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

3.15	HANDICAP CHASE	3m 21.0yds 23.531 (8 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

3.50	SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 27.978 (18 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

4.20	NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE	2m 11.0yds 23.074 (14 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

4.50	NOVICE HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 22.432 (8 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

5.25	OPEN HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 22.222 (7 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999

5.50	OPEN HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 22.222 (7 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999

Hereford (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.30	2.30
3.00	3.00
3.30	3.30
4.00	4.00
4.30	4.30
5.00	5.00

2.30	NOVICE HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 22.432 (12 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

3.00	SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 21.607 (18 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
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3.30	NOVICE CHASE	2m 11.0yds 23.095 (8 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

4.00	HANDICAP HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 23.095 (14 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

4.35	HANDICAP CHASE	2m 11.0yds 23.121 (8 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999

5.05	NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE	2m 11.0yds 22.836 (15 declared)
1	19999	19999
2	19999	19999
3	19999	19999
4	19999	19999
5	19999	19999
6	19999	19999
7	19999	19999
8	19999	19999
9	19999	19999
10	19999	19999



PARTING SHOT

Setpoint... a coach stands among a display of trophies and balls at Kingston Tennis Centre ready for Play Tennis 98, a nationwide event of free tennis and coaching in clubs, leisure centres, schools and public courts this week

Photograph by Tricia de Courcy Ling

Richie legacy of the pyjama revolution

SCREEN BREAK

Peter Hanlon

TRUE to its perception as a nation not averse to vulgarity, Australia's approach to sport, most often cricket, has at times strayed across the broad line that separates a good idea at the time from an outright atrocity in the name of entertainment. Whoever hit upon sending dismissed opposition batsmen in one-day games on their way with a mounting condition of "Hit the Road, Jack" through the MCC loudspeakers should be forced to walk to Wagga Wagga. Barefoot.

While the television coverage has also had its puerile moments — Daddies the duck waddling across the screen, springs to mind — many of the changes to the way we now watch the game had their roots in Australia, starting with the media baron Kerry Facker's pyjama party in 1977. By placing cameras at both ends of the World Series Cricket, he spared viewers the dubious pleasure of looking at Rod Marsh's backside every other over and, through microphones planted in the pitch, debunked the notion that Marsh and the Chappell brothers were asking after the batsman's health. Soon living-room viewers were filled with pictures from every angle, from on high in light towers, from the front line via "stump cam".

When the host broadcaster Channel Nine showed Australia's 1986 tour of the West Indies a satellite network stepped in and introduced not only fresh voices but the visual delights of "spin cam", honing in on the bowler's hand and following the ball in flight. England's inability to read Shane Warne against last summer, despite this user's guide, is surely down to a nationwide video failure.

On the commentary front in the colonies things have been more static. The former Test captain Bill Lawry and Tony Greig have been inflicting their hysterical (Lawry) and ludicrous (Greig) offerings on viewers for generations. Yet if the commentator's zenith is said to be making the viewer feel as if he or she is actually in the stadium, the Lawry/Greig partnership makes you wish you were somewhere else. Anywhere else.

Perhaps it was as a mark of misguided respect that the first cricket of the international summer — A Stewart b Donald 27 — was greeted on Thursday by Sky's Mark Nicholas exploding in pitch-perfect Lawry: "Gone! Got 'im!" Nicholas is a pleasant front man, and his limited use of the dreaded on-screen "pen", that Greig has been known to employ to show in which direction the grass has been mown, was refreshing.

It may be the slightly tabloid nature of the Sky coverage that had the commentary team on occasions making excessive pronouncements, in case you missed it, in the 48th over of the England innings at The Oval the South Africa captain Hansie Cronje bowled the first cricket of the international summer. Three runs came from it, no wickets fell and five of the six balls were delivered to Chris Lewis.

Weekend results

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